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CONSTITUTION,  
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OF THE

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF

Pennsylvania,

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING THE

Ceremonial, Prayers, Charges and Forms.

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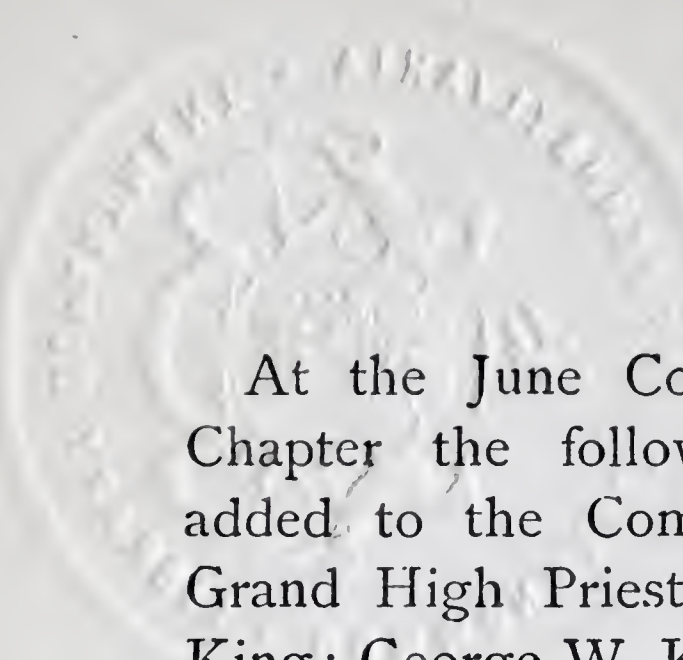
## OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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*Locals.*  
At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held March 2d, 1882, the following, offered by D. D. G. H. Priest S. L. French, was unanimously adopted :

*Wm. G.*  
“*Resolved*, That a Committee of nine members of this Grand Chapter be appointed to revise and amend the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, with its several amendments, that said Committee be and are hereby directed to submit to this Grand Chapter, at the Quarterly Communication in September next, a printed report of their labors, whereupon the Grand Secretary shall furnish to each Chapter in this Jurisdiction a copy of said revised and amended Constitution, with directions to said Chapter to furnish said Committee on or before the 1st day of November following with any alterations or amendments they may have to suggest, and said Committee shall present to this Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication in December next, their final report for final action of this Grand Chapter.”

The M. E. Grand High Priest has appointed the following Committee: P. G. H. P. Charles E. Meyer, M. E. Grand Secretary, P. H. Priests Sam'l L. French, William J. Kelly, Louis Wagner, P. G. H. Priests Samuel C. Perkins, Michael Nisbet, P. H. Priests Jos. H. Simonds, Edward Masson, and J. Alexander Simpson.



At the June Communication of the M. E. Grand Chapter the following Elective Grand Officers were added to the Committee: Hibbert P. John, M. E. Grand High Priest; Augustus R. Hall, M. E. Grand King; George W. Kendrick, Jr., M. E. Grand Scribe; Thomas R. Patton, M. E. Grand Treasurer.

At the September Communication the Committee presented their report, a copy of which was directed to be sent to each Chapter and Mark Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 3d, 1882, the consideration of the Constitution was postponed until the March Communication.

At the Quarterly Communication held March 8th, 1883, the Constitution was unanimously adopted, together with the following resolutions.

No. 1. *Resolved*, That the Constitution as adopted by the Grand Chapter shall take effect and go into operation on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1883.

No. 2. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Revision be continued with power to draft the necessary Forms, Ceremonials, etc., in accordance with the revised Constitution.

No. 3. *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand Secretary be directed to prepare a form of minutes and the Committee on By-Laws be directed to prepare a form of By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.



No. 4. *Resolved*, That each Chapter in this jurisdiction be directed to forward to the M. E. Grand Secretary a copy of their By-Laws for correction by Committee on By-Laws, on or before the 1st, day of August, 1883.

No. 5. *Resolved*, That every Chapter hereafter adopting a whole code of By-Laws shall use the printed form authorized by the Grand Chapter, omitting therefrom such part or parts as they do not require, and adding thereto such special provisions as in their judgment are necessary, not in contravention to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

No. 6. *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand Secretary be directed to have the revised Constitution, with the Forms, Ceremonials, etc., when prepared, printed and bound. Each Chapter in this jurisdiction upon forwarding to that officer the copies of the Constitution they now have, shall be entitled to receive four copies of the revised work. The price of the book shall be in other cases \$1.00 each.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

*Grand Secretary.*



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THE  
**Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter**  
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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CONSTITUTION.

Adopted March 8, 1883.

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TITLE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SECT. 1. The official title of the Grand Chapter is:  
*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and  
Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.*

POWER AND AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SECT. 2. The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter is the only true and legitimate source of authority over Capitular Masonry, consisting of the degrees of a Royal Arch Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason, and Mark Master Mason, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging; it has power to grant warrants for holding Royal Arch Chapters, to suspend, revoke and restore the same; to enact laws and regulations for the government of its subordinates and the members thereof; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws of Chapters and Lodges (warranted by it) and exercise general supervision over Capitular Masonry within its jurisdiction, and its authority cannot be called into question.

## CONSTITUENTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 3. The Grand Chapter is composed of:

1. Grand officers and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests.
2. High Priests, Kings and Scribes of Subordinate Chapters during their term of office.
3. Past High Priests of one year's service in this jurisdiction, members of Subordinate Chapters lawfully warranted and duly constituted by the Grand Chapter and under this Jurisdiction.
4. The members of the Grand Chapter at the time of the adoption of this Constitution who are such by virtue of their being Past Masters by election, and holding membership in a Subordinate Chapter, according to the provisions of the Constitution in force prior to December 27th, 1871, so long as they shall continue members of some Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction.\*

SECT. 4. Every member of the Grand Chapter must be a member of a Subordinate Chapter under this Jurisdiction except M. E. Past Grand High Priests (who are members of the Grand Chapter for life) and Honorary members specially elected by the Grand Chapter.

## COMMUNICATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SECT. 5. The Grand Chapter shall hold Quarterly Communications on the Thursday following the first

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\* That is to say, all members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Dec. 28th, 1871, who were Royal Arch Masons and held the office of Worshipful Master by election.



Wednesday in March, June, September and December, and an Annual Grand Communication on St. John the Evangelist's day in every year.

The Communications shall commence at seven o'clock in the evening in the months of March, June and September, and at six o'clock in the evening in the month of December.

#### OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 6. The official titles of the Grand Officers are: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, and Most Excellent Grand Secretary. Past Grand High Priests are entitled Most Excellent.

SECT. 7. The officers of the Grand Chapter must be Past High Priests who have received the order of High Priesthood, and consist of such as are elective, and such as are appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

SEC. 8. The elective officers are: The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, and the Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

SEC. 9. Those appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest are District Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Chaplains (both at the discretion of the M. E. Grand High Priest as to number), a Grand Captain of the Host, a Grand Principal Sojourner, a Grand Royal Arch Captain, a Grand Master of the Third Vail, a Grand Master of the Second Vail, a Grand Master of the First Vail, a Grand Marshal, a Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies,

a Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies, a Grand Pursuivant and a Grand Tyler.

SEC. 10. The elective officers shall be installed in their respective offices and stations, if practicable, on St. John the Evangelist's day next succeeding their election, and the appointed Grand officers and standing committees shall be appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest after his installation.

SEC. 11. On the death, absence from the jurisdiction, or inability to perform the duties of the office of an elected Grand Officer, or his ceasing to be a member of the Grand Chapter, the elective Grand Officer next in rank shall succeed to the vacated station, except in the case of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the M. E. Grand Secretary, and if such vacancy occurs as to either of these officers the M. E. Grand High Priest shall appoint a successor to serve until the next annual election.

The officers of the Grand Chapter shall take precedence in the order hereinbefore stated.

At the Communications of the Grand Chapter in the absence of the M. E. Grand High Priest, the M. E. Grand King shall take his station; in the absence of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the M. E. Grand King the M. E. Grand Scribe shall take the station of the M. E. Grand High Priest; in the absence of the M. E. Grand King the M. E. Grand Scribe shall take his station; in the absence of the M. E. Grand King and M. E. Grand Scribe, or the M. E. Grand Treasurer or the M. E. Grand Secretary, the M. E. Grand High Priest shall select some member of the Grand Chapter, who is a Past High Priest by service, to fill such vacant station.



In the absence of the M. E. Grand High Priest, the M. E. Grand King and the M. E. Grand Scribe, the junior Past Grand High Priest present shall preside and in the absence of said elective officers and all the Past Grand High Priests, the M. E. High Priest of the senior Chapter present shall take the chair and act as M. E. Grand High Priest.

#### THE ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 12. The elective Grand Officers shall be chosen by ballot at the Quarterly Communication in December, in each and every year, and shall continue in office until their successors, respectively, be duly elected and installed.

SEC. 13. A majority of the whole number of votes given shall be necessary to a choice. But if on the second ballot no election be made, a third ballot shall be had, confined to the two highest or when such instances occur, to the one who has a plurality, and the other two or more next highest on the return who shall have an equal number of votes. If on the third ballot no choice be made, the balloting shall be continued on these principles until one of the candidates shall receive a majority of all the votes given.

SEC. 14. The M. E. Grand High Priest shall be installed by the next preceding Past Grand High Priest who may be present, assisted by a sufficient number of qualified Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 15. No one shall be eligible to an elective office unless he be a member of the Grand Chapter who has served at least one year as M. E. High Priest in some Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 16. No Companion shall hold more than one office in the Grand Chapter at the same time.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest.*

SEC. 17. To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest belongs the general supervision of Capitular Masonry, (consisting of the Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Mason degrees,) in this jurisdiction and for these purposes he is empowered:

To appoint District Deputy High Priests; the Subordinate officers of the Grand Chapter; all committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for, and to remove the same whenever he shall deem it expedient:

To preside in the Grand Chapter and in all Subordinate Chapters attended or unattended by his Grand officers:

To appoint a representative in Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions:

To confer or cause to be conferred in his presence the degrees of Capitular Masonry in any Lodge or Chapter respectively, or to grant dispensations therefor:

To issue such dispensations under his own seal and signature, attested by the Grand Secretary as are permitted by these regulations:

To constitute, in person, or by deputy duly authorized, Royal Arch Chapters, and install the officers thereof:

To command at any time the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary or any officer or committee of the Grand Chapter with their books, papers and accounts:



To summon any of the officers of a Chapter or a Mark Master Mason's Lodge to attend him and produce the warrant, books, documents and accounts :

To summon any special or extra Communication of the Grand Chapter he may deem necessary :

To sequestrate the warrant and suspend the labors of any Chapter or Mark Master Mason's Lodge, subject to the decision of the Grand Chapter at its next subsequent Quarterly Communication to which he shall report his action, with a detailed statement of the facts and his reasons therefor.

He shall be *ex officio* the chairman of every committee whose meeting he may attend.

He shall have a casting vote in addition to his own on all questions before the Grand Chapter when the votes of the members are equally divided, *except* in the election of Grand officers.

It shall be his duty to visit annually every Chapter and Mark Master Mason's Lodge within the city of Philadelphia, and all other Chapters under his jurisdiction, if practicable.

*Most Excellent Grand King and Most Excellent  
Grand Scribe.*

SEC. 18. The Most Excellent Grand King and Most Excellent Grand Scribe have their respective stations in the Grand Chapter. It is their duty to aid the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in conducting the business of the Grand Chapter and in the supervision of Capitular Masonry.

*Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.*

SEC. 19. To the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer shall be committed the custody and payment of all moneys collected for the use of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, of which he shall keep a fair and regular account to be submitted to the inspection of the Committee on Finance whenever required.

He shall not disburse any money, except by authority of the Grand Chapter on orders signed by the M. E. Grand High Priest and countersigned by the M. E. Grand Secretary; and shall on or before the twentieth day of November in each year submit to the Committee on Finance a detailed account of his receipts and payments, with the proper vouchers for their examination. He shall have the custody of the securities of the Grand Chapter, and give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duty.

*Most Excellent Grand Secretary.*

SEC. 20. It shall be the duty of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to record the proceedings of the Grand Chapter proper to be committed to writing; to preserve its archives and seal; to collect and receive moneys for or on account of the Grand Chapter, give the proper credits therefor and pay the same to the M. E. Grand Treasurer; to issue summonses and attach the seal of the Grand Chapter, in attestation thereof, and to orders and notices either by direction of the Grand Chapter, or the M. E. Grand High Priest; to issue notices to each Subordinate Chapter of all stated and extra Communications of the Grand Chapter; transmit annually as soon



as practicable after every St. John the Evangelist's day to each Subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction and to all Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies in correspondence with this Grand Chapter, copies of such proceedings of the Grand Chapter as are authorized to be printed by the Grand Chapter, at least four copies to each Subordinate Chapter and one to each Grand Chapter or Masonic body as aforesaid; to receive all petitions and memorials intended for the Grand Chapter and lay them as soon as practicable before the M. E. Grand High Priest, or other proper authority; to keep in suitable books registries of all warrants, dispensations, and certificates duly issued, registries of all returns of the Subordinate Chapters, and Mark Master Mason Lodges, and an alphabetical list of the suspensions, expulsions, and rejections therein, or that may be communicated by other Grand Chapters; to attest all dispensations issued by the M. E. Grand High Priest; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter with Subordinate Chapters, under the direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest, preserving copies of the same; to report quarterly to the Grand Chapter all Subordinates suspended or otherwise deprived of their representation therein, and annually, at the Quarterly Communication in September, in a condensed form to report the number of members belonging to each Chapter and Mark Lodge, the work done therein, the admissions, resignations, suspensions, expulsions and deaths during the preceding year.

He shall transmit to every Chapter in arrears at least once in each year a statement of its account; he shall keep the accounts of the Grand Chapter in such a man-

ner that the state of them may at any time be known, submitting the same to the inspection of the Grand Chapter, the M. E. Grand High Priest, or the Committee on Finance, as often as they may require; and generally shall perform the accustomed duties of the station. He shall receive a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*

SEC. 21. The Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall be from time to time divided into districts, over each of which a District Deputy Grand High Priest shall be appointed.

It shall be the duty of every District Deputy Grand High Priest to visit the Chapters in his district, to inspect their labors, inquire into their condition and proceedings, give them advice and instruction in Capitular Masonry, and report annually to the M. E. Grand High Priest the state of the Chapters in his district and all that he shall have officially done therein.

He may congregate severally the officers and members of such Chapters at their respective places of meeting at such times as he may deem proper or necessary.

He shall attend the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter at least twice in each year and shall be furnished with collar, apron, and appropriate jewel, to be returned by him to the Grand Chapter.

Through him all appeals arising in his district shall be made to the Grand Chapter.

*Grand Chaplains.*

SEC. 22. It is the duty of the Grand Chaplains to attend the Grand Chapter at all its Grand Communica-



tions, there to offer up to the Great Architect of the Universe the prayers of the Companions, to invoke His blessings on their labors and to assist in the necessary rites and ceremonies on all Masonic occasions.

*Appointed Grand Officers.*

SEC. 23. The Grand Captain of the Host.  
The Grand Principal Sojourner,  
The Grand Royal Arch Captain,  
The Grand Master of the Third Vail,  
The Grand Master of the Second Vail,  
The Grand Master of the First Vail,  
The Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies,  
The Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies  
shall attend the Communications of the Grand Chapter, take their several places therein and perform the respective duties required of them by the regulations and traditions of the fraternity.

The Grand Marshal shall make all necessary preparations, form and regulate all processions of the Grand Chapter, under the direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and see that the proper ceremonies be duly observed.

The Grand Pursuivant shall be placed in the west, receive the reports of the Grand Tyler, and announce the name and Masonic title of all who desire admission. He shall see that none enter without their proper clothing and decorations, and shall execute the orders of the M. E. Grand High Priest in the business of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Tyler shall guard the outer door of the Grand Chapter, report to the Grand Pursuivant the

names of such as desire admission; and perform such duties as may be required by the Grand Chapter or the M. E. Grand High Priest. He shall be charged with the care and safe keeping of the furniture and jewels of the Grand Chapter for which he is responsible. He shall admit no Companion who is not properly clothed. He is allotted a pecuniary compensation for his services.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER.

*Committee on Work and Jurisprudence.*

SEC. 24. The Committee on Work and Jurisprudence shall consist of the M. E. Grand High Priest, two Past Grand High Priests, and two members of the Grand Chapter who are Past High Priests, to whom shall be referred all questions touching the ancient work, customs and usages of Capitular Masonry and the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, and they shall report to the Grand Chapter. They shall report to the Grand Chapter all deviations from the work recognized by the Grand Chapter that may be brought to their knowledge.

*Committee on Finance.*

SEC. 25. To the Committee on Finance shall be referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and such officers or committees as are intrusted with the moneys of the Grand Chapter, and the books and accounts of all such officers and committees shall be posted, balanced and ready for examination on the twentieth day of November in each year. It shall be



the duty of said committee to compare all charges in such accounts with the vouchers in support thereof, and generally to examine into their correctness.

They shall also make a report on all such accounts at the Quarterly Communication in December in each year, together with an estimate of the probable income and expenses for the ensuing year, and recommend to the Grand Chapter such appropriations as they may deem advisable or necessary. They shall at all times have access to the books of all such officers and committees.

*Committee on Correspondence.*

SEC. 26. To the Committee on Correspondence shall be referred all printed proceedings addressed to this Grand Chapter from other Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies, and such other matters requiring special consideration as the Grand Chapter may deem proper to submit to them; they are to review the same and select therefrom such matter as they may deem suitable for publication. This committee shall report annually all its proceedings for the approbation of the Grand Chapter, on St. John the Evangelist's day.

*Committee on By-Laws.*

SEC. 26. To the Committee on By-Laws shall be referred as received all by-laws and standing resolutions of Subordinate Chapters and Mark Masters' Lodges, submitted for the approbation of the Grand Chapter. It shall be the duty of this Committee carefully to examine and revise such by-laws, expunging from them all provisions contravening the established usages and customs



of the fraternity or the Constitution, rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Chapter, or which may be here, in provided for, to supply such deficiencies as may appear requisite, and to submit their proceedings to the Grand Chapter for approval.

*Committee on Appeals.*

SEC. 28. When an appeal is made to the Grand Chapter by an accused, or by a member of a Chapter which has finally acted on the case of such accused person, against the action of the Chapter in such case, it shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals; *provided* that notice has been given of the appeal by serving a copy thereof at least three days before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and, *provided* that such appeal shall be taken within one year after the action has been taken that is appealed from.

SEC. 29. The Committee shall cause notice to be given to the Chapter, the party accused, and the complainant who made the charges before the Chapter, or any Companion complaining of the action of the Chapter, of the time and place when and where the committee will consider the same; a copy of such notice shall be kept by the Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee shall confine itself to the record as presented, unless it is deemed necessary to a better understanding of the appeal that witnesses should be examined, then notice shall be given to all the parties of the time and place when and where the witnesses will be heard.

SEC. 30. Copies of all the papers which were before the Chapter and its committee, together with a copy of



the minutes of the Chapter, and the minutes of the committee which tried the case, shall be presented to the Committee on Appeals at the time and place the notice thereof designates, together with the cause of the appeal, and the grounds of the same specifically and fully set out in writing by the appellant, who shall see that a copy of all the papers as above mentioned are attached to his appeal as "exhibits." This shall be done by the Secretary of the Chapter, by direction of the High Priest, on application of the appellant; and a neglect or refusal to furnish the same within a reasonable time shall be sufficient cause for a reversal of the proceedings of such Chapter; and for the extra service of the Secretary of the Chapter in preparing said exhibits the Chapter may make such allowance to the Secretary as it shall deem proper.

SEC. 31. If questions of Masonic jurisprudence only are involved in the appeal, the appeal and the papers which are to be made part of the exhibits shall be sufficient; but if not, the other papers or minutes which are necessary, shall be required.

SEC. 32. If the appeal is found to be a case which needs additional testimony, the Committee may make an order therefor as in its judgment will subserve the ends of Masonic right, law, and justice. It is deemed, however, better to omit taking testimony if the Committee can arrive at a clear understanding of the facts from the records, and the undisputed statements of the parties as to the grounds of appeal.

SEC. 33. The appellant, the Chapter, the complainant, and such other parties as the case may require, may be



represented before the Committee by any Royal Arch Mason, to be chosen by them, or either of them.

SEC. 34. The report of the Committee shall be presented to the Grand Chapter at the next Quarterly Communication after it has been prepared.

SEC. 35. The form of the appeal in all cases on charges shall be as follows :

- I. Copy of the original charge, or charges, and specifications.
- II. Copy of the action of the Chapter thereon.
- III. Copy of the proceedings of the Chapter, as to the trial of the said charges, and the appointment of the Committee.
- IV. Copy of all the notices sent to, or served on the parties.
- V. Copy of the notices to witnesses, with the names of witnesses.
- VI. Copy of the proceedings of the committee appointed to try the charge or charges; the testimony of the witnesses; the report of the committee, and the resolutions attached thereto.
- VII. Copy of the minute or proceedings of the Chapter on the resolutions of the committee.
- VIII. The appeal, stating specially the grounds on which the same is made.
- IX. The certificate of the chairman, or secretary of the committee, or the Secretary of the Chapter, that the said copies appear to be correct and true copies.

*Committee on Charity.*

SEC. 36. The Committee on Charity shall dispense the charity of the Grand Chapter. It shall be governed by such special regulation as may be enacted by the Grand Chapter from time to time.

*Committee on Printing and Publishing.*

SEC. 37. The Committee on Printing and Publishing shall have the ordering and control of all printing for and on account of the Grand Chapter.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 38. When the Most Excellent Grand High Priest opens the Grand Chapter, it is in *ample* form; when opened by the Most Excellent Grand King or the Most Excellent Grand Scribe it is in *due* form; when opened by a Past Grand High Priest, or other person, it is in *form* only.

SEC. 39. Three Chapters must be represented before the Grand Chapter can be opened.

SEC. 40. Whoever wears the jewel and occupies the station of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in his absence, is addressed and regarded for the time, as Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

SEC. 41. Visitors cannot be admitted to the Grand Chapter after it has been opened one half hour, except by special permission of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

SEC. 42. The following shall be the order of business at all stated communications:



- I. Reading the minutes of the last Quarterly or Annual Communication, and the minutes of any Extra Communication, if such has been held.
- II. Communications from Subordinate Chapters.
- III. Reports from Standing Committees.
  1. Committee on Work and Jurisprudence.
  2. " on Finance.
  3. " on Correspondence.
  4. " on By-Laws.
  5. " on Appeals.
  6. " on Charity.
  7. " on Printing and Publishing.
- IV. Report of Special Committees (if any.)
- V. Returns of Chapters.
- VI. Unfinished business.
- VII. New business.
- VIII. Communications.

In all cases, papers or communications are to be referred to Standing Committees, unless otherwise ordered; special subjects may be referred to special committees.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest may dispense with the order of business, or arrange it as he deems for the best interests of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 43. When any resolution or motion shall be offered, or made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; pending its consideration, a motion may be made to amend, stating in what particular it is proposed to amend it; and an amendment to the amendment may be moved, until the

disposal of which no further amendment shall be in order. After a vote upon any amendment shall have been taken, it shall not be in order to introduce the same subject under color of a new amendment, or as an amendment to a pending amendment. After a vote has been taken upon all the amendments that may have been considered, the vote shall be taken upon the resolution, or motion as it may then be, including amendments that have been adopted. Pending the consideration of such resolution or motion, no motion shall be in order except to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to commit, all of which shall be determined without debate. A motion to amend, to postpone, or to commit, may be laid upon the table without removing the pending resolution or motion from before the Grand Chapter. No other dilatory or evasive motion shall be permitted.

SECT. 44. Each member, as he rises to speak, shall address the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. He shall not be interrupted or called to order except by or through the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; when so called to order he must resume his seat, but being informed of his default, he may again proceed in his address to the Grand Chapter.

No Companion shall speak more than twice to the same subject under discussion without special permission, or to explain what he has said that is misunderstood.

SEC. 45. If a member is twice called to order at the same Communication and again offends, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest may direct him to leave the



room, and see that this direction is enforced before continuing the business of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 46. When a debate on any question has been allowed to fully explain or discuss it, the M. E. Grand High Priest can direct the vote to be taken, unless a resolution is adopted postponing the further discussion to another Communication of the Grand Chapter, and such resolution disposes of the subject until such Communication, when it will come up in the regular order of business.

SEC. 47. There is no privileged question in the Grand Chapter, but any member may ask the M. E. Grand High Priest to allow him to be heard on a question, or a subject, which involves the usages and customs, or proceedings of a Subordinate Chapter, he stating the subject when asking to be heard.

SEC. 48. The previous question by which a vote is to be forced on the Grand Chapter, shall not be permitted. A vote by yeas and nays shall not be allowed. A vote by Chapters may be called as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 49. All matters in the Grand Chapter shall be determined by a majority of votes, the M. E. Grand High Priest, or in his absence the presiding officer, in case of a tie, having the casting vote.

SEC. 50. What is known as "Parliamentary Law," or conventional systems for regulating the proceedings of deliberative assemblages, do not apply to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 51. The vote may be taken *viva voce*; but if the M. E. Grand High Priest is in doubt, a standing vote may be required by him, or by three members of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 52. The stroke of the M. E. Grand High Priest's Sceptre commands order, and then all the Companions must be seated, and silence enforced.

SEC. 53. All reports of the Standing Committees shall be accepted as read, unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 54. Any Special Committee charged with the disbursement of the money of the Grand Chapter shall be considered as existing until its accounts have been examined by the Committee on Finance or the Grand Treasurer, and all the debts contracted by it are shown to have been paid; then, on motion, said Committee shall be discharged.

SEC. 55. All propositions to amend this constitution, or to determine questions of finance, in which all the Subordinate Chapters have an interest affecting their revenues, shall be acted upon only at the Quarterly Communication in December.

SEC. 56. On all questions before the Grand Chapter when a vote by Chapters is requested by the representatives of six Chapters, or in the election of Grand officers, each representative shall be entitled to cast one vote for each member of his Chapter in good standing, who is a member of the Grand Chapter, and who is not at the time personally present.

SEC. 57. The officers and Past High Priests of any Chapter which shall not have fully paid its dues for the past Masonic year to the Grand Chapter, shall not be permitted to vote therein, either personally or by representative. The Masonic year for payment of these dues shall end on the day of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter in December.



SEC. 58. A majority of members of a Chapter, when assembled, may instruct their Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe and Representative on any subject to be considered in the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 59. Such instructions recorded on the minutes of the Chapter, shall be binding upon such officers and representatives, unless directed by any Past High Priest to vote specially for him.

SEC. 60. The M. E. Grand High Priest decides all questions of order, and no appeal therefrom can ever be taken.

#### REVENUE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 61. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from

##### *Fees for Warrants.*

For a warrant to constitute a Royal Arch	
Chapter,        -        -        -        -        -        -	\$100.00

##### *Fees for Conferring Degrees.*

For conferring the Mark Master's degree, on	
each person,        -        -        -        -        -	.40

For conferring the Most Excellent Master's	
degree, on each person,        -        -        -	.35

For conferring the Royal Arch degree,	
on each person,        -        -        -        -        -	.75

*Annual Dues on Members.*

For each member of a Royal Arch Chapter, without regard to degree, - - -	.30
For each member of a Mark Master's Lodge, when separately constituted, - - -	.20

Annual dues shall be paid upon each person who is a member on St. John the Evangelist's Day (December 27th), except Past Grand High Priests.

*Dispensations.*

For each dispensation issued, - - - -	\$1.00
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*Certificates.*

For each Grand Chapter certificate, - - -	2.00
For each attestation of a Chapter certificate, -	1.50

## GRAND CHAPTER CERTIFICATES.

SEC. 62. Grand Chapter certificates shall be granted to every Companion producing to the Grand Secretary a certificate of his good standing in the Chapter of which he is or was a member, under the seal thereof, signed by the M. E. High Priest, and countersigned by the Secretary. Grand Chapter certificates are given under the seal of the Grand Chapter with the signatures of the Grand Officers, and the Companion to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name at full length in the margin thereof.

A member of an extinct Chapter may receive from the Grand Chapter a certificate on the recommendation of the Chapter nearest his place of residence.



THE REGALIA OF THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE  
CHAPTERS AND MOST EXCELLENT AND  
MARK MASTER'S LODGES.

SEC. 63. The insignia of the jewels of the various officers shall be respectively as follows, viz.:

Of the High Priest, a Mitre surmounted by the Triple Tau.

Of the King, a Crown.

Of the Scribe, a Turban.

Of the Treasurer, Crossed Keys.

Of the Secretary, Crossed Pens.

Of the Past High Priests, the Seven-pointed Star.

Of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, the Equilateral Triangle.

Cf the Chaplains, the Bible.

Of the Captain of the Host, Soldier with Drawn Sword.

Of the Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with Staff.

Of the Royal Arch Captain, Cross-hilted Swords,  
crossed.

Of the Masters of the Vails, Cross-hilted Sword.

Of the Marshal, Crossed Batons.

Of the Masters of Ceremonies, Crossed Wands.

Of the Pursuivant, Sabre crossed with Trumpet.

Of the Tyler, Crossed Sabres.

Each of the before named insignia (except that for the District Deputy Grand High Priests) shall be placed on an equilateral triangle, and for the Grand officers the triangle placed on a circle.

The triangle and circle of the jewels of the Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, shall each have a raised border on the inner and on the outer edge. The triangle of the Grand High Priest's jewel shall have

a seven-pointed star in each of its angles ; that of the Grand King in each of its lower angles ; that of the Grand Scribe on its upper angle.

The triangle and circle of the jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Past Grand High Priests shall have a raised border on the outer edge. Those of all other officers shall be plain.

The jewels of office shall be of gold or gilt, and shall be of the sizes and designs annexed to the Constitution approved November 2, 1863. (*See diagrams.*)

SEC. 64. The apron of officers of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters shall be of white lambskin, silk or satin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented scarlet and purple border two inches wide, the scarlet part pointing inward, the border of the flap to be of the same description, one inch wide ; in the centre of the flap shall be a triangle of satin of the appropriate color, surrounded with a gold border, and within the triangle the triple-tau in gold-spangled embroidery, and two gold flat tassels shall be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, of the appropriate color, coming from under the flap ; upon the apron shall be embroidered a representation of the jewel of the officer, on a ground of satin of the appropriate color. The ground of the triangle, the representation of the jewel, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbons suspending the tassels, shall be purple for the officers of the Grand Chapter, scarlet for the officers of Subordinate Chapters and for all other Companions.

The apron of a Royal Arch Mason shall be white and the same as to size and border of the apron, and the



border of the flap, as the apron of the officers; in the centre of the flap shall be a triangle, with the triple tau in the centre thereof, painted, printed or embroidered thereon, and in like manner in the centre of the apron the number of the Chapter only; the lining and strings of the apron shall be red.

SEC. 65. The jewels of office worn by officers of the Grand Chapter shall be suspended by a collar of ribbed silk, four inches in width, of three colors, viz., blue, scarlet, and purple, in the order named, the blue on the inner edge. The jewels of office worn by the officers of Subordinate Chapters, shall be suspended by a scarlet collar of ribbed silk, four inches in width; the jewels of Past High Priests may be worn on the left breast, appended by a scarlet ribbon of ribbed silk.

SEC. 66. The jewels of a Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Mason's Lodge shall be of the same form as those of a Master Mason's Lodge, but shall be gold or gilt; the collars and trimmings of the aprons shall be blue and scarlet, the blue of one-half the width of the collar or trimming, occupying the middle, and the scarlet placed on either side.

SEC. 67. The robe of the High Priest is made of blue silk, with flowing sleeves and skirting; the sleeves and skirting to be of white linen, the bottom of the blue robe trimmed alternately with pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet silk, and small gilt bells; the entire robe trimmed with gilt lace, embroidery and fringe. Over this robe is worn an ephod of white linen, lined with blue and trimmed with velvet of the appropriate colors (blue, purple and scarlet), gilt laces and curious em-

broidery work; on each shoulder, and attached to the ephod, a gilt oblong plate, size two and one-half inches, by four and one-half inches, with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved thereon, six on each plate; around the waist is worn a curious girdle three inches wide, composed of gilt, white, purple, blue and scarlet silk cords, interwoven so as to form a flat surface. Over the ephod is worn, suspended by a gilt chain, a square breast-plate with stone settings, and the names of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved under the appropriate colored stones, as described in Exodus, Chapter xxix., verses 9 to 14. The mitre is white, trimmed with gold or gilt lace and embroidery, with a gilt plate in front, and the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon, and made to correspond with the figure in the centre of his jewel of office.

The King's robe is a royal mantle of scarlet velvet or merino, and flowing sleeves of the same material, with cape and trimmings of ermine and gilt lace, front facing of scarlet silk. The crown is made of scarlet silk and velvet trimmed with gilt and precious stones; in front of crown a gilt plate with the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon, and made to correspond with the figure in the centre of his jewel of office.

The Scribe's robe is of royal purple velvet or merino, and flowing sleeves of the same material, with trimming of ermine and gilt lace, front facing of purple silk. He shall wear a turban made of purple silk, and trimmed with gilt and precious stones; in front of turban a gilt plate with the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon, and made to correspond with the figure in the centre of his jewel of office.



The Treasurer and Secretary's crowns are of bands of morocco or leather (gilt for officers of the Grand Chapter, and red for the officers of Subordinate Chapters), four inches and a half wide, surrounding the lower edge of which is fastened a silk or worsted cord, not exceeding half an inch in diameter, made of the appropriate colors (blue, purple and scarlet), the upper edge serrated. On the front of the band shall be a gilt plate with the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon, and above the same a raised semi-circle with a representation of the jewel of the office.

The Chaplain shall, in addition to his proper collar and apron, wear a crown similar to the Treasurer's, with the exception that the color of the band shall be white, ornamented at the top edge with gilt.

The crown of the Captain of the Host shall be in form similar to that of the Treasurer, of dark blue, with the same engraving thereon, surmounted by the jewel of his office, and he shall wear a sword, suspended by a scarlet belt around the waist.

The Principal Sojourner's crown is of light slate or stone color, similar to that of the Treasurer.

The Royal Arch Captain shall, in addition to his proper collar, apron, belt and sword, wear a crown of the same description as now in use by the Grand Chapter, with cross-swords on the upper part. (*See diagram.*)

The Masters of the Vails shall each, in addition to their proper collar, apron, belt and sword, wear a crown of the same color as the vails, made the same as those now in use by the Grand Chapter, with straight sword on the upper part.

The Grand Marshal, Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant and Tyler shall each, in addition to their proper collar, apron, belt and sword, wear a crown of the same description as those now in use by the Grand Chapter.

Royal Arch Masons, in addition to their apron, shall wear a crown of the same form and description as now in use by the Grand Chapter.

The apron, collar and jewel of each officer is worn outside and over the robes, when the same are worn.

The signet shall be a massive seal ring, made of gold or gilt, with a triangle engraved thereon, and the Hebrew letter "Jod" in the centre of the triangle.

#### MASONIC CLOTHING.

SEC. 68. When the regulations require a member of a Chapter to be *properly clothed*, before admission into the Chapter, he must wear a Royal Arch apron and crown. To be "properly clothed" for admission to communications of the Grand Chapter, requires each officer of a Chapter to wear the jewel of his station, and apron. Chapters may make such other regulations for the government of their members as to dress, at Chapter meetings only, as may be approved in their By-Laws.

#### SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SEC. 69. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction shall work under a warrant from this Grand Chapter and acknowledge its jurisdiction. The precedence of a Chapter shall be determined by the date of its warrant as recorded on the minutes of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 70. A warrant may be granted by the Grand Chapter, when deemed expedient, on the petition of, at least, nine Royal Arch Masons, not members of any



Chapter. But no warrant shall be granted for a Chapter within nine miles of the place mentioned in the existing warrant of a Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter, given under seal, unless under special circumstances, of which the Grand Chapter shall be the judge. The petition must be accompanied with certificates from the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioners last belonged, or other satisfactory evidence of the good standing of the petitioners, and that they are not members of any Chapter; and their dimits must accompany the petition. No new Chapter shall be named after any living person, nor shall any Chapter now in existence be permitted to take such name.

SEC. 71. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons must be solemnly constituted by the Grand High Priest with his officers; or, in the absence of the Grand High Priest, by the Grand King, or Grand Scribe, or the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the district in which such Chapter is to be located, in the order of their rank, or by a Past High Priest duly authorized, and assisted by a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, under the Grand High Priest's dispensation. But no Chapter shall be constituted until the M. E. Grand High Priest, or the constituting officers, shall be satisfied that the new Chapter is fully prepared to do all the work of Capitular Masonry.

SEC. 72. All Chapters warranted and constituted as above are prohibited from making the charter members life members, for a less sum than twenty-five dollars each.

SEC. 73. No Chapter can be represented in the Grand Chapter until duly constituted.

SEC. 74. The officers of the Chapter are, a Most Excellent High Priest, a King, a Scribe, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, a Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, a Senior and Junior Master of Ceremonies, and Tyler, to which, for the better regulation of the Chapter, may be added a Chaplain, two Stewards, and a Pursuivant.

SEC. 75. The M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe of every new Chapter shall be named in the petition for a warrant, and are to be appointed by the warrant of such Chapter; the Treasurer and Secretary are to be chosen before the Chapter is constituted. The other officers are to be appointed by the M. E. High Priest after the Chapter has been constituted.

SEC. 76. At the stated meeting of the Chapter next preceding St. John the Evangelist's day, in every year, the M. E. High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Representative to the Grand Chapter (who must be a Past High Priest, and have received the order of High Priesthood) shall be elected by ballot. The election shall be conducted according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers. The M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe are, if practicable, to be duly installed on or before such St. John the Evangelist's day.

SEC. 77. No officer shall enter upon his duties until regularly installed. The installation of the M. E. High Priest shall include the conferring of the order of High Priesthood. The old officers shall continue in office until their successors are duly qualified. The certificate of the election of the Representative must be delivered to the Grand Secretary at least forty-eight hours before the



Communication of the Grand Chapter to entitle such Representative to vote in his official capacity.

SEC. 78. In case of the death of the M. E. High Priest, King or Scribe, or their absence from this jurisdiction, or in default of an election at the time prescribed therefor, or for special reasons, the M. E. Grand High Priest may, by dispensation, permit a special election, to fill the vacancies until the next annual election. In case of a vacancy in the office of Representative to the Grand Chapter, the Chapter may at a stated or special meeting fill such vacancy by an election, after notice has been given to the members.

SEC. 79. No Companion can be elected M. E. High Priest of a Chapter who has not been elected and served as King or Scribe of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, except when no qualified member of that Chapter is willing to serve, and then only upon the written dispensation of the M. E. Grand High Priest over his seal, or at the formation of a new Chapter, when no Past King or Scribe who is willing and qualified to act as the M. E. High Priest is to be found among the petitioners. In such cases, three Royal Arch Masons may be constituted M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe.

#### DUTIES OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 80. A Chapter should assemble for labor at least once in every month, except that the stated meeting in the months of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Chapter. The hour for meeting shall be fixed by the By-Laws of the Chapter.

SEC. 81. The stated place of meeting of a Chapter is commonly inserted in its warrant, but should circumstances at any time render such a place of meeting improper, the M. E. High Priest may convene the Chapter at some other place, if within the limits named in the warrant. But no Chapter can be removed without the knowledge of the M. E. High Priest, nor any motion made for that purpose, unless he be present. When a motion is made to change the stated place of meeting of the Chapter, and is seconded by two members, a summons shall be issued to every member, stating the proposition for removal, and assigning a time for hearing and determining upon it; such summons to be issued at least ten days before the hearing, and upon such special call, no other business than that designated, shall be entered upon. A vote of two-thirds of the members present, and the approval of the M. E. Grand High Priest, or the District Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be necessary to authorize such removal; if decided in favor of removal, immediate notice shall be given to the Grand Secretary of the place to which the Chapter has been removed. The minority may appeal from the vote of the Chapter, directing such removal, and a hearing shall be given to both parties in the Grand Chapter, before such removal be confirmed and registered. But nothing herein contained shall apply to a change from one room to another room in the same building, which change may be made by a majority vote of the Chapter after notice to the members that such question will be considered.

SEC. 82. Elections and all other business and work



shall be done in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to the lower degrees.

SEC. 83. Every Chapter shall have power to frame By-Laws for its own government, provided they be not inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Chapter. The By-Laws of every Subordinate Chapter and all amendments thereto, shall be submitted for the revision of the Grand Chapter, and when approved, a copy must be deposited in its archives. Such By-Laws shall be delivered by the Grand Secretary to the Committee on By-Laws, and by it are reported to the Grand Chapter for its approbation. and until approved are not valid.

SEC. 84. A committee shall be appointed once in every year to audit and report on the accounts of the Chapter.

SEC. 85. Every Subordinate Chapter is required, on or before St. John the Evangelist's day, in every year, to transmit to the Grand Secretary a list of all initiations, advancements, admissions, deaths, rejections, resignations, suspensions, and expulsions, with the reasons for such suspension or expulsion; also a list of suspended and expelled members restored by the Chapter or by the Grand Chapter, together with a return of the election of officers, to the Grand Communication next following such election. Every Chapter within this jurisdiction failing to make such return on or before the first Wednesday of March, shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such returns be not received by him within three months from the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting Chapter is, *ipso facto*, suspended.

SEC. 86. Warrants of all Chapters suspended for delinquency as to returns, are revived on the receipt of such returns.

SEC. 87. Any Chapter in arrears with the Grand Chapter for two years' dues (each year ending at the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter), shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if all arrearages due the Grand Chapter be not paid in full within six months from the date of such notice, its warrant shall be suspended, and unless cause be shown to the contrary, at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, it shall be vacated. During the suspension or sequestration of the warrant of a Chapter, neither its officers, members, nor its Representative can sit in the Grand Chapter, nor visit any Subordinate Chapter.

SEC. 88. A Chapter may be dissolved:

1. By neglecting to make its returns in due time;
2. By neglecting to pay its dues;
3. By not assembling during twelve months;
4. By the death or resignation of its members;
5. By un-Masonic conduct, and the resumption of its warrant by the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 89. The M. E. Grand High Priest may sequester the warrant of a Chapter for the violation of the landmarks, or for such act or acts of insubordination as tend to destroy the peace and harmony, or imperil the character of the craft, and he shall report the same to the next communication of the Grand Chapter, with his reasons for so doing. But the warrant of a Chapter cannot be forfeited until it has been duly warned of its offence, and has been summoned by the Grand Secretary to answer the charge made against it.



SEC. 90. When a Chapter is dissolved, it is the duty of the last Treasurer and Secretary, within three months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Secretary, the warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of such Chapter; and it is further the duty of the last presiding officer to transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory thereof, and he shall be responsible for the execution of this article. No Companion of such Chapter shall be admitted into any other Chapter, nor entitled to the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry, until he has paid all arrears due from him to such Chapter to the Grand Secretary, or has had the same remitted by the Grand Chapter, and obtained a certificate thereof, which he must present with his application for membership to the Chapter to which he applies, provided that this shall not apply to the members of any Chapter which may be dissolved for un-Masonic conduct; in those cases the Companion must be restored by a vote of the Grand Chapter before he can obtain any such certificate.

SEC. 91. A Chapter not distinguished by a name or a title, being desirous of obtaining either, must produce its charter to the M. E. Grand High Priest, who will direct the Grand Secretary to endorse on the charter the name or title selected, and certify the same under his hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 92. Every Subordinate Chapter shall have a Masonic seal, to be affixed to its certificates and other documents proper for publication. An impression from such seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and due notice given him of any change in such seal, with an impression from the substitute.

SEC. 93. No Chapter, or Companion is permitted to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the whole, or any part of the proceedings of any Chapter. Nor shall any Companion publish any work, or discourse, relative to Royal Arch Masonry without previously obtaining the consent of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

SEC. 94. No Chapter shall grant a certificate to any but its own members. Such certificate must be signed by the M. E. High Priest and Secretary, and have the seal of the Chapter affixed; the Companion to whom it is granted shall write his name at full length in the margin thereof.

SEC. 95. No Chapter, nor officer, nor member of a Chapter, shall be permitted to grant a certificate or recommendation to enable any Royal Arch Mason to travel as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply for relief.

SEC. 96. One Chapter cannot delegate to another the advancement of any Mason; nor can any Chapter advance any but its own members; nor can any Chapter give its consent to a Chapter out of this jurisdiction to receive a petition from or confer any degree upon a resident of this jurisdiction.

SEC. 97. The fees for conferring degrees and admission to membership, are such as each Chapter ordains for itself, subject to the approval of the Grand Chapter, but shall not be less than

For the Mark Masters' and Most Excel-

lent Masters' degrees, each - - \$ 3.00

For the Royal Arch degree, - - - 10.00

Chapters and Mark Lodges in the city of Philadelphia shall, in no case, confer the Mark degree for a less sum



than *five dollars*, or the Most Excellent Masters' degree for a less sum than *ten dollars*. Chapters located out of the city of Philadelphia shall not confer the degrees upon residents of said city for a less sum than is required to be charged by Chapters located in the city. All fees shall accompany the petition.

MOST EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 98. It is the duty of the M. E. High Priest to enforce the observance of the By-Laws of his Chapter, and of the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter; to see that the King and Scribe discharge their duties faithfully; that true and proper minutes be made of all Chapter proceedings; that the Treasurer keeps and renders true and just accounts at the stated times, according to the By-Laws and orders of the Chapter, and that the property and funds of the Chapter are justly managed and dispensed.

SEC. 99. It is also his duty, and that of the King and Scribe, to attend all Communications of the Grand Chapter. He is empowered to call meetings of his own Chapter at pleasure. He has charge of the warrant of Constitution, which must always be in the Chapter, when it is opened, and during its labors. To him belongs the appointment of all the officers of the Chapter not elective.

SEC. 100. Where there is no warrant, there can be no Chapter opened. The M. E. High Priest being absent, the warrant shall be in charge of the King, and in his absence of the Scribe; and if all are absent, no Chapter can be opened, except by the M. E. Grand High Priest, or some one specially authorized by him for that purpose.

## KING AND SCRIBE.

SEC. 101. In the absence of the M. E. High Priest, the King and Scribe, according to rank, shall supply his place until his return, or until the next stated election.

SEC. 102. The duty of the King and Scribe in the Chapter is to assist the M. E. High Priest in conducting its labors.

## TREASURER.

SEC. 103. The Treasurer shall keep an exact account of all moneys received, and pay the same on orders drawn upon him by the authority of the Chapter, which shall be signed by the M. E. High Priest, and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall keep regular entries of his receipts and expenditures, and have his books and vouchers ready for examination, at such periods as the By-Laws require, or, whenever called upon, by order of the M. E. High Priest, or the Chapter.

## SECRETARY.

SEC. 104. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the transactions of the Chapter proper, to be committed to writing, that they may be submitted to the M. E. High Priest, or a committee of his Chapter, and to the Grand Chapter, whenever required. He shall preserve a copy of the By-Laws of his Chapter, and of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, a list of the members of the Chapter, with the dates of their receiving the several degrees or admission. He shall make a record of all the expulsions, suspensions, or rejections, and the deaths and resignations in the Chapter; also, the restor-



ations to good Masonic standing, as well as those communicated by the Grand Chapter, transmitting the name or names of the former, forthwith to the Grand Secretary.

He shall, on or immediately before the 15th day of November, in each year, forward to the Grand Secretary a correct list of all the members of the Chapter who are also members of the Grand Chapter.

He shall issue the notices for all meetings, make his returns in time and form required by the Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties as may appertain to his office, or be required by this Constitution, or by the By-Laws of his Chapter. He shall perform any act as Secretary which the M. E. High Priest or the Chapter may direct in aid of the business of the Chapter or concerning the same. He shall keep a book in which is to be recorded the place of residence given by each member to the Secretary, and so recorded, shall be the best evidence of the residence of said member.

#### OTHER OFFICERS.

SEC. 105. The duties of the remaining officers of the Chapter are analogous to those of the corresponding officers in the Grand Chapter, as far as the same apply to Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 106. The places of the Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremonies are in the west, the Senior to have charge of and attend to the examining room door, the Junior to have charge of and attend to the preparing room door. The place of the Pursuivant is also in the west and between the Masters of Ceremonies, and his business is to attend to the outer door.

## MEMBERS.

SEC. 107. An applicant for the Capitular degrees, or for membership, shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, and be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, in good standing with the fraternity, and a member of a Lodge of Master Masons, and competent to perform all the work in the degrees he applies for.

SEC. 108. An applicant either for the degrees and membership, or for membership only, shall petition for that purpose, in writing, at a stated meeting, at least four weeks prior to a ballot on the petition, stating his age, occupation and residence, the name, number and location of the Lodge of Master Masons of which he is a member, and the degree to which he has arrived in Masonry, and be recommended by at least two members of the Chapter to which he applies, when a committee of inquiry of three members (excluding the recommenders) shall be appointed, who shall report at the next or some subsequent stated meeting, not exceeding two months from the date of their appointment, and if the report be favorable (*i. e.* signed by all the members of the committee,) the applicant shall be balloted for at that meeting (unless the petition is withdrawn), and, receiving a unanimous vote, shall be declared approved or elected, as the case may be.

If, however, the committee, or any member thereof, shall fail to report at the time herein designated, the committee, or the member who shall neglect or refuse to make report, may be discharged by the M. E. High Priest, and another, or others, may be appointed, with power to report forthwith.



Upon an unfavorable report, signed by one or more members of the committee, the M. E. High Priest shall declare the applicant rejected.

The M. E. High Priest may, in his discretion, order a test of the ballot before the same has been recorded, and before any member has retired from the room.

SEC. 109. If the applicant, being balloted for and approved, does not present himself to the Chapter within six months thereafter, all proceedings in his case are void. The application cannot be withdrawn from the Chapter, until a favorable report shall have been made, and then only by a majority vote of all the members present.

SEC. 110. In case of a rejection upon a ballot, a second ballot upon the application may be had, provided that the motion therefor shall be made at a stated meeting held within six months after the rejection; such motion shall lie over until the next, or some subsequent stated meeting, not exceeding three months thereafter, and, if the motion be adopted, the second ballot must be had at the next stated meeting after the adoption of the resolution, notice thereof being given to the members. If the applicant is rejected, the Secretary shall, under the seal of the Chapter, forthwith send notice of the fact of rejection, with the name, age, occupation and residence of the applicant to the Grand Secretary; and shall also notify the applicant of the result of the ballot.

SEC. 111. If the report of the committee be favorable, and the ballot approves the petition, the candidate may receive the lowest degree applied for; subject, however, to objection from any member of the Chapter.

An objection must be made in the body of the open Chapter, before the candidate is admitted to receive the degree, and can be made in whatever degree the Chapter may be at the time at work. The name of the objector shall be entered on the minutes, and while the objection is insisted upon by the objector all further proceedings must stop. The objection may be withdrawn at any time within twelve months after having been made, but if persisted in for that period the objection shall thereafter have the same effect as a rejection upon a ballot. If the objection be withdrawn, the applicant cannot be received until notice has been given to the members, as in cases of application for the degrees.

If no objection is made, and the degree is conferred upon the applicant, the only mode to prevent further advancement is by a charge being preferred, and if the charge is sustained he cannot be advanced, and if, on the trial, the Chapter should suspend or expel him, his membership ceases.

SEC. 112. The fact that an applicant does not reside nearest to the Chapter to which he applies, is no disqualification for exaltation and membership therein. When an application is received by a Chapter other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the applicant, except in cities or towns where there may be two or more Chapters, the Chapter receiving such petition before balloting thereon, shall, under its seal, inquire of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of the applicant (if there shall be more than one, then of one of them) whether there is any Masonic objection to the Chapter to which the petition is presented acting on such



petition. The inquiry shall be accompanied with the full name of the applicant, his age, occupation and residence and name, number and location of the Master Masons' Lodge of which he is a member, as set forth in his petition. The inquiry shall be addressed officially to the M. E. High Priest, or Secretary of the Chapter enquired of, and shall be forwarded through the Post office by registered letter, or by the hand of a Royal Arch Mason, he being informed of the character of the communication he is intrusted to deliver. The Chapter so inquired of, shall cause said inquiry to be read at the next stated meeting after receiving such inquiry; a *viva voce* vote shall thereupon be taken on the question "Is there a Masonic objection to . . . Chapter No. . . . acting on the petition of . . . ?" and a majority shall decide; the result of the vote shall be forthwith certified by the M. E. High Priest and Secretary, under the seal of the Chapter, to the Chapter making the inquiry, and shall be addressed and forwarded to them in the manner herein directed as to the inquiry. Should the Chapter to whom the inquiry is directed neglect or refuse to act upon such inquiry for the space of two months after forwarding of the inquiry, the Chapter inquiring shall have the right (subject, however, to the provisions of sections 113 and 115) to act upon the application, *provided* that it shall be satisfactorily established that such inquiry was duly received by the M. E. High Priest or Secretary of the Chapter to whom the same was directed.

SEC. 113. If the M. E. High Priest or Secretary of the Chapter enquired of, shall, in writing, acknowledge the receipt of the inquiry and state that it will be laid

before the Chapter at its next meeting, and give the date when such meeting will be held, the Chapter making the inquiry shall not act on the petition until a reasonable time has elapsed (not less than two weeks) after the date of such meeting. If after the lapse of such reasonable time, the Chapter enquired of shall fail to communicate to the Chapter making the inquiry the action had by them on the inquiry, the Chapter receiving the petition may, at its next stated meeting occurring after the expiration of two weeks, as aforesaid, proceed to act as in other cases of application.

SEC. 114. An application coming within the provisions of section 112 cannot, pending the proceedings as set forth in sections 112 and 113, be withdrawn. If the Chapter enquired of, shall state, under its seal, that a Masonic objection exists, such statement shall be entered on the minutes of the Chapter to whom the petition was presented, and no further action shall be had upon the petition. The Grand Secretary shall also be notified by the Secretary of the objecting Chapter. If any subsequent petition be presented by the applicant, the Chapter first enquired of must be notified thereof, and the proceedings shall be the same as on the first application.

SEC. 115. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Chapter receiving the petition of any applicant, to inquire of the Grand Secretary if there is any record in his office in regard to the applicant, giving his full name, age, occupation, and residence, with the name, number and location of the Master Masons' Lodge to which he belongs, as set out in his petition, and stating that he does or does not reside near the Chapter to which he has sent his petition.



A Chapter cannot act on any application for initiation and membership until it receives a reply from the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 116. If an application is made for membership only, to the Chapter, the applicant must present a certificate under the seal of the Chapter of which he was last a member, with his dimit therefrom, or satisfactory evidence that he was in good Masonic standing, and that he is not a member of any Chapter.

SEC. 117. The right of each member to vote by ballot is vested in him; for the exercise of this right he shall not be questioned, either by the Chapter, a member, or any other Masonic authority.

#### A REJECTED APPLICANT FOR THE DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP.—FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

SEC. 118. When a person applying for the degrees and membership in a Chapter is rejected, the Secretary shall record on the minutes of the Chapter the fact of his rejection, and communicate the same, under seal of the Chapter, to the Grand Secretary.

After the expiration of six months from the date of his rejection, the rejected applicant may make a second application for initiation and membership, in the Chapter that rejected him; which petition shall be received, subject to each and every rule of action by the Chapter, as in the case of a first petition, stating, however, his former rejection. If the applicant is again rejected, the same course shall be followed by the Secretary as in the case of the first petition and rejection; stating in addition, on the notice to the Grand Secretary, "second rejection."

SEC. 119. After the expiration of one year from such second rejection, the applicant may petition the same Chapter in writing, stating that he has been twice rejected therein, and asking the Chapter to permit him to make a third petition to it for initiation and membership. On receipt of this petition, the Chapter shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Chapter will act on said petition. At the next stated meeting the M. E. High Priest shall direct the Secretary to read the petition, and when the same is read, the M. E. High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken on a resolution then offered to grant the applicant the privilege of presenting a third petition. If the ballot on the resolution is unanimous, the applicant may make a third petition, subject to the same rules in all respects as apply to a first petition for initiation and membership. If the applicant is again rejected, this rejection ends all action by the Chapter in the case. Further action can only be taken by the authority of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 120. On permission being had of the Grand Chapter to receive a new petition from, or to grant a new ballot in the case of a rejected applicant, the petition must be presented to and acted upon, or ballot had by the Chapter making the application, within six months from the time said Chapter has received official notice that said permission was granted, and should the applicant be again rejected, no second ballot can be had on said petition. And no Chapter shall act upon the petition of an applicant for any of the degrees who has been rejected in another Chapter, without the permission of



the Grand Chapter, after notice has been given to the Chapter in which such rejection occurred.

SEC. 121. A member of a Chapter, when he receives the lowest degree applied for, or on his admission to membership, shall sign the By-Laws and give to the Secretary the place of his residence. When any member changes his residence, he shall, within one month thereafter, notify the Secretary of the change. When a member is to be notified by his Chapter that he is liable to suspension for non-payment of dues, the Secretary shall, one month before final action, send notice to the place of residence last reported by him to the Secretary, and if it shall appear that such member had removed therefrom two months before the date of the meeting at which he was suspended, it shall be no cause of complaint that he did not receive notice of the proposed action of the Chapter.

SEC. 122. A member of a Chapter ceases to be such by death, expulsion, suspension, resignation, or by ceasing to be a member of a Master Masons' Lodge for more than six months. But no member shall be permitted to withdraw from membership until his dues have been paid, or remitted by his Chapter, or pending any inquiry in which his character may be implicated.

Upon the resignation of any member, he shall be entitled to a dimit, without charge therefor, if he makes application for the same.

SEC. 123. No Companion shall use his certificate, nor expose any Masonic emblem as a sign, in his business transactions.

SEC. 124. If a Companion, by his behavior, shall disturb the harmony of the Chapter, he is to be thrice formally admonished by the M. E. High Priest; and if he persists in his irregular conduct, he may be punished according to the By-Laws of the Chapter; or the M. E. High Priest may direct him to leave the room, and see that this direction is enforced before continuing the business of the Chapter.

SEC. 125. No Chapter can expel or suspend a Companion at a special meeting.

SEC. 126. Any Mark Master, or Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, who may be summoned to attend the Grand Chapter, or any committee thereof, and does not comply therewith, or give a sufficient and satisfactory reason for his non-compliance, the summons is to be repeated, and if he continue contumacious, he shall, upon conviction, be expelled from the benefits of Capitular Masonry. Chapters shall have penal jurisdiction over their former members who may be unaffiliated so long as they so remain.

#### SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

SEC. 127. The Secretary of each Chapter shall, annually in his notice of the stated meeting second preceding St. John the Evangelist's day, furnish to each member a statement of the amount due by him to the Chapter, up to said St. John's day inclusive, with notice that if the same be not paid on or before the stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's day, he may be suspended or expelled.



SEC. 128. Should the member so notified neglect or refuse to pay his dues on or before the said stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's day, he may at that or any subsequent stated meeting be suspended or expelled.

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FOR IMMORAL OR  
UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

SEC. 129. A charge against a member for immoral or un-Masonic conduct must be in writing; it must set forth the offence or offences, as particularly and specifically as its or their nature will permit; and it must be presented at a stated meeting.

SEC. 130. If upon its face such charge shall appear to the Chapter worthy of consideration, it shall be referred to a special committee of five members, from which the accuser shall be excluded.

SEC. 131. The Secretary shall make two copies of the charge, and of the resolution of reference to a committee, together with the names of said committee, under the seal of the Chapter, which shall be signed by the M. E. High Priest, and attested by the Secretary; one copy whereof shall be served on the accused, and the other given to the chairman of the committee.

SEC. 132. The chairman of the committee shall notify the accuser and the accused of the time and place when and where the committee will meet to take testimony, giving ample time to the parties to procure the attendance of their witnesses. If any vacancy shall occur in the committee, the M. E. High Priest shall have power to fill such vacancy, and shall communicate the same to the next meeting of the Chapter, and shall be recorded on the minutes.



SEC. 133. If at a meeting of the committee neither the accused nor any one in his behalf shall appear, proof must be taken of the service both of the copy of the charge and of the notice of the meeting. Proof of such service having been made, or the accused having appeared in person or by attorney, who must be a Royal Arch Mason, the committee shall proceed to examine the witnesses, whose testimony they shall reduce to writing: *Provided*, that neither party shall be represented by more than one person; *And provided further*, that any member of the committee may be called and examined as a witness for either side, if necessary.

SEC. 134. The committee may adjourn from time to time, as they may deem necessary or expedient. No special notice of the adjourned meetings shall be necessary, but it shall be announced openly by the chairman before the adjournment, of which all parties shall take notice.

SEC. 135. The testimony having been all taken, and both parties fully heard, the committee shall proceed to make up their report in writing, and shall notify both the accuser and the accused, at least twenty-four hours before the stated meeting of the Chapter at which said report will be presented.

SEC. 136. The report shall be presented and read at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and shall be accompanied with proof of service of notification, as required by section 135 of this article. If the report be unfavorable to the accused, he shall, before any action be taken thereon, if present in person or by his attorney, be heard in his own defence; after which, or in case of his ab-



sence, immediately on its being read, the Chapter may proceed to the consideration of the report, and, after due discussion, to the final vote, previous to which both the accuser and accused shall be required to retire.

If the vote shall result in a suspension or expulsion, the Secretary shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary thereof.

SEC. 137. A Companion who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, may, on the payment of the same, be restored to good Masonic standing by a majority vote of the Chapter. If within one year after the date of his suspension he should make application to be restored to membership, having paid his dues, he may be restored by a *two-thirds* vote at the next or some subsequent stated meeting of the Chapter, the members having been notified of the application. Should he desire to become a member of another Chapter, or after the lapse of one year to unite again with the Chapter wherein he was suspended, he must apply by petition, be recommended, etc., as prescribed in Section 108, relative to petitions for membership and be subject to all the provisions of that Section.

SEC. 138. A Companion who has been expelled or suspended from a Chapter for any other cause than for non-payment of dues, and is desirous of being restored, must apply at a stated meeting to the Chapter of which he was last a member, when, if a majority of members voting shall so decide, the Chapter shall request the Grand Chapter to remove the expulsion or suspension; stating the reasons for the application, which being granted, the Companion may apply for membership in

the same manner, and be subject to the rules and regulations as other applicants for membership, as set forth in section 108.

SEC. 139. No Companion shall be a member of two Chapters at the same time; but a member of a warranted Lodge of Mark Master Masons may be a member of a Chapter.

The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master or Mark Master Mason from his Lodge of Master Masons shall *ipso facto* work his suspension or expulsion from his Chapter and Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from his Lodge of Mark Master Masons shall *ipso facto* work his suspension or expulsion from his Chapter.

The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from his Chapter shall *ipso facto* work his suspension or expulsion from his Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Whenever any Mark Lodge shall suspend or expel any of its members, the Secretary shall immediately notify, in writing, each Chapter located in the same place or within ten miles thereof, of the fact of such suspension or expulsion, and in like manner whenever any Chapter shall suspend or expel any of its members, the Secretary shall notify each Mark Lodge located within ten miles, of the fact of such suspension or expulsion.

*Provided*, that in the event of a member of a Chapter who has been suspended or expelled from his Master Mason's Lodge and thereby became suspended or expelled from his Chapter, and shall be restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was suspended or ex-



pelled, such restoration shall *ipso facto* restore him to membership in the Chapter, as if no such suspension or expulsion had taken place; but this proviso shall not apply in any case where a suspension or expulsion upon charges shall be removed by the Grand Lodge, so that the Companion is restored to good Masonic standing only; such removal shall have no other effect than to qualify him upon his affiliation with a Master Masons' Lodge to apply to a Chapter for membership.

SEC. 140. No Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master, or Mark Master Mason shall continue to be a member of any Chapter or Lodge of Mark Master Masons for a longer time than six months, after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Lodge of Master Masons, nor can such Brother or Companion gain membership in any other Chapter or Lodge of Mark Master Masons, without the presentation of a certificate from the Chapter, or Lodge of Mark Master Masons, of which he was formerly a member, that all charges against him have been liquidated, and he shall also furnish evidence of his affiliation with a Master Masons' Lodge.

#### APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

SEC. 141. Any Chapter, Lodge, or member thereof, under this jurisdiction, or any Master Mason, aggrieved by the conduct or proceedings of any Chapter or Mark Masters' Lodge, may appeal or complain to the Grand Chapter. Any Chapter, Lodge, or member thereof, under this jurisdiction, who may be aggrieved by the action of any Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master or Mark Master Mason, may complain to the Chapter of which

the aggressor is a member, and the same course shall be pursued as hereinbefore directed in the case of a charge against a member.

SEC. 142. Should an appeal be taken from or complaint made of the action of any Chapter or Mark Masters' Lodge, the Secretary shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Chapter, for its information, the record of the proceedings; which record shall consist of the original charge, the resolution of reference, the copy thereof furnished the chairman of the committee, the minutes of the meetings of the committee, the testimony taken before them, and their report, together with a copy of the proceedings taken thereon by the Chapter or Lodge, duly certified under the seal thereof, attested by the Secretary; and the said record shall be returned to said Chapter or Lodge, after the appeal is disposed of by the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 143. All appeals or complaints shall be in writing, and at least ten days previous written notice of the intended proceeding shall be given to the appellee or party complained of, with a copy of the appeal or complaint. A notice to the M. E. High Priest, or to the Secretary, shall be deemed to be a notice to the Chapter.

#### VISITORS.

SEC. 144. Visitors unknown to the M. E. High Priest may be admitted into a Chapter on the voucher of some Companion present, or after examination. Visitors known to the M. E. High Priest may be admitted by him without motion. The M. E. Grand High Priest, the elective officers of the M. E. Grand Chapter, Past Grand High Priests, and the several D. D. Grand High Priests



in their respective districts, shall have the right to visit each Chapter at any of its meetings.

SEC. 145. A Companion or Brother who is not a member of a Chapter or Lodge shall not be permitted to visit any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction more than once.

#### GENERAL RULES.

SEC. 146. No procession or other public display of a Royal Arch Chapter, or Most Excellent or Mark Masters' Lodge, as such, shall be allowed.

SEC. 147. All powers, privileges and restrictions hereinbefore contained, referring to the Chapters, M. E. High Priests, Officers, Companions, and Royal Arch Masons, shall be applied to and govern as far as they can be made applicable to Mark Master Masons' Lodges, Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges, the Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of such Lodges, with the same effect as if they had been specifically designated.

SEC. 148. All laws, rules, regulations, edicts, or decisions heretofore in force, not hereinbefore set forth, shall be and the same are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

#### AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 149. No amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall be made, unless proposed in writing at one Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, and acted upon at the Quarterly Communication in December next following, nor then, unless previous notice has been forwarded to the Subordinate Chapters and Lodges of such proposed amendments or alterations, and the same shall be approved by a majority of the members present.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

AMENDMENTS AND DECISIONS.

The following are the amendments to the Constitution of  
Grand Chapter as adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Also, decisions and resolutions in force. The  
Secretary will paste them in front of the  
Constitution to which they belong.



CHARLES E. MEYER,

GRAND SECRETARY.

MARCH 1ST, 1892.





## 1. AFFILIATION.

In the case of a Royal Arch Mason who applied for affiliation or membership in a Chapter, but who had not been a member of a Blue Lodge for more than six months, decided that the petition was not in proper form, and that the recommenders have permission to withdraw the same. (1889.)

An unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason can apply for membership to any Chapter in any jurisdiction that he may select. (1884.)

## 2. BY-LAWS.

The form of By-Laws adopted by the Committee on By-Laws say "the Secretary shall issue a summons over the seal of the Chapter," etc.

Is it imperative that this section should be inserted in the By-Laws of a Chapter or Mark Lodge.

Answered that it is not, and have invariably advised that it be not so inserted. (1884.)

Chapters and Lodges must adopt By-Laws. (1884.)

## 3. BY-LAWS—AMENDMENTS ORDERED BY GRAND CHAPTER.

Article II. Page 131. In place of 4th, 5th and 6th lines.  
be — o'clock. When any special meeting is called at the

Article III. Section 2. Page 132. In place of 4th and 5th lines.  
Pursuivant and two Stewards.

Article IV. 4th ¶ of Sec. 2. Page 133. In place of 16th, 17th and 18th lines.

He shall see that every member (on his admission) is furnished with a printed copy of the By-Laws.

Article VI. Page 135. In place of 1st, 2d and 3d lines.

SEC. 2. An applicant for the degrees or membership who has been rejected shall be immediately notified thereof in writing by the Secretary.

Article X. Page 137. In place of 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th lines.

of the same in writing at a stated meeting. His resignation shall be placed upon the minutes, and acted upon at the next stated meeting, and if possible determined: *Provided, however,* That in case of an emergency, of which the Chapter shall be the judge, his resignation may be accepted forthwith.



Article XI. Page 138. In place of entire Section.  
Any member in good standing about to travel, shall be entitled to such certificate as his qualifications require, on the payment of      dollar , but no certificate shall be granted to any member until he has paid all the indebtedness to the Chapter, or has had the same remitted. (1883.)

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

Amend Article V. Page 5. In place of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th lines.

The Communications shall commence at seven o'clock in the evening, in the months of March, June and September; at six o'clock in the evening at the Annual Communication on St. John's Day, in December, and at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Quarterly Communication in December. (1886.)

#### 5. CEASED TO BE A MEMBER.

The correct term to be used by the Secretaries of Mark Lodges and Chapters for a Companion Royal Arch Mason, who has ceased to be a member of a Master Masons' Lodge, for a longer period than six months, and thereby, in accordance with Section 122, Constitution of Grand Chapter, has lost his membership in Chapter or Mark Lodge, is, "CEASED TO BE A MEMBER." If the Companion desires to renew membership in Chapter, in order that the Chapter or Mark Lodge may have official information that the Companion has been admitted to membership in the Lodge of Master Masons, he shall be required to furnish the Chapter or Mark Lodge with a certificate from the Lodge to which he has been admitted, under the seal, certifying to said admission. And, until said certificate is furnished to the Chapter or Mark Lodge, the Companion shall not be restored to membership in the Chapter or Mark Lodge. The presentation of such certificate, "*ipso facto*," restores to membership in the Chapter or Mark Lodge, and he stands in precisely the same position as he was when he ceased to be a member of said Chapter or Mark Lodge. (1886.)

#### 6. "COMMUNICATING" DEGREES.

Attention was called to the fact of one of our Chapters giving notice that at their next meeting the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees would be communicated, and the Royal Arch Degree conferred. I do not know how much the "communication" was intended to comprise, but it is certain that the intention was to omit a large portion of the ritual, the



object being to get through a great deal of work in a short time, and with as little trouble as possible. I stopped the proceedings and notified the Chapter that all degrees must be conferred in full. (1888.)

#### 7. CERTIFICATE.

A case was presented from one of the Chapters of a Companion who had been suspended, several years ago, in the Master Mason's Lodge for non-payment of dues. At the time he was indebted to the Chapter for annual dues. According to the Constitution, the suspension in the Lodge worked suspension in the Chapter. A few months ago the Companion, who had removed to the West, paid his indebtedness to the Lodge, and was restored to good Masonic standing, which, under our law, restored him to good standing as a Royal Arch Mason. Desiring to unite with a Chapter in the place of his sojourn, he paid the amount of his indebtedness to the Chapter and asked for a certificate of good Masonic standing. It was then stated that his previous personal standing was not of the best, and the question was asked if the certificate could not be refused. I decided that it could not. The Companion was under the tongue of good Masonic report and was entitled to a certificate of his good standing in the Chapter. If the Chapter did not wish the certificate to issue, charges should be preferred, the Companion put upon trial, and a chance given him to defend himself and prove his innocence. (1889.)

#### 8. CLANDESTINE.

Whereas, the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has declared that it is not consistent with the duty of any Brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to seek or obtain membership in the organization known as the "Cerneau Rite," and that any brother who has or may have association therewith will be liable to the penalties prescribed by the action of Grand Lodge, adopted March 5, 1886;

And whereas, R. W. Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, Esquire, *Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania*, in edict of January 21, 1889, says:

"All bodies in the Masonic Jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, appertaining to, or constituting, or derived from the so-called 'Cerneau Rite' have been authoritatively ascertained and officially declared to be clandestine;"



And whereas, The Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania requires that the members of Subordinate Chapters within this Jurisdiction must be affiliated Master Masons ;

And whereas, The membership of our Chapters embraces those who are members of Lodges in this or some other Jurisdiction ;

And whereas, it has come to our knowledge that members of Master Masons' Lodges in this Jurisdiction, who are members of the so-called "Cerneau Rite" in order to evade the action of the Grand Lodge, have or are about withdrawing from Lodges in this Jurisdiction and affiliating with Lodges in other Jurisdictions in order to retain their membership in our Chapters, thereby making our Chapters composed of two classes of Master Masons, one in loyalty with the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the other in opposition to it.

Now, therefore, we, James S. Barber, Esquire, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging ; in order to preserve the peace, good order, and harmony of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, do hereby require that you ascertain as early as possible if there be any of your members who are members of Master Masons' Lodges outside the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ; and, if you find any such, you will ascertain if they are members of either of the so called "Cerneau Rite" (with Headquarters in New York City), and if they are you will require them to withdraw from the same, and until they do so, you will not permit them to be present at any of the meetings, etc., of your Chapter.

You will also see that no visitor be admitted into your Chapter unless he complies with the requirements for the examination of Master Masons as directed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. (1889.)

#### 9. CONFERRING DEGREES.

It requires three Royal Arch Masons to be present to open a Chapter. The Degree cannot be conferred unless six Royal Arch Masons are present. The Warrant must in every case be present. (1884.)

#### 10. DEGREES.

The M. E. Grand High Priest has the power of conferring the Capitular degrees on an applicant without the formal

method of a report from an investigating committee and a ballot. (1884 )

#### 11. CONFERRING DEGREES OUT OF TIME.

It having come to my knowledge that a Chapter had in two instances conferred degrees upon applicants twelve and fifteen months respectively after the time had elapsed, as provided for in the Constitution, I declined to heal the irregularity and ordered the names stricken from the roll of members, with permission to receive new petitions from the applicants, and act upon them if desired. (1889.)

#### 12. ELECTION.

A vote cast, if even in error, at an election of officers cannot be changed after the ballot has been declared closed. (1884.)

#### 13. HIGH PRIEST.

No High Priest can become a member of Grand Chapter unless he has served one full year as High Priest of a Chapter within this jurisdiction. At the time of installation the High Priest must receive the order of High Priesthood, when there must be present three Past High Priests who have received the order of High Priesthood. (1884 )

#### 14. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

See Life Members.

#### 15. INSTALLATION.

All elective officers must be installed annually no matter how many times they have been re-elected. (1892.)

#### 16. JURISDICTION AND MASONIC OBJECTION.

*First.* Jurisdiction in this State belongs only to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

*Second.* A Master Mason, duly qualified, has the right to apply for the Capitular Degrees, consisting of the Mark Mason, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Degrees, to any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, without regard to his place of residence.

*Third.* If there is a Chapter whose place of meeting is nearer to the residence of the applicant than the one to which he has applied, that Chapter must be informed of the application, and asked whether there is any *Masonic* objection to the applicant, and it should be understood and made known



at that time to the Chapter that the question of jurisdiction does not rest with the Chapter inquired of, but only so far as the personal character of the applicant is concerned, he otherwise being qualified.

*Fourth.* Distance from the residence of the applicant to the nearest Chapter must be measured on a straight line from point to point, without regard to roads or lines of communication.

*Fifth.* The High Priests of Chapters are referred to Sections 112, 113 and 114 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, also to the following resolutions, adopted by the Grand Chapter, June 9, 1888 :

17. "Your Committee on Work and Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question, beg leave to report that after a full consideration of the matter, of the importance of which your Committee are fully aware, beg leave to submit the following Resolutions for your consideration :

"*Resolved*, That in a case where one Chapter states under seal (see Section 112, Constitution Grand Chapter) that there is a Masonic objection to another Chapter receiving the petition of an applicant residing within its jurisdiction, that said objecting Chapter cannot receive a petition from the applicant until said objection is first removed by a majority *viva voce* vote.

"*Resolved*, That when the objecting Chapter has removed the Masonic objection, it must immediately notify the inquiring Chapter under seal of the action taken.

"Your Committee deem it but proper to say at this time that the Grand Chapter, by its Constitution and decisions of its Grand High Priests, has time and again decided that no Chapter can claim sole jurisdiction of any candidate. That a candidate is at liberty to apply to any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and that the inquiry as to Masonic objection to a Chapter receiving the petition is one merely as to his being *under the tongue of good Masonic report*, and as to his character as a man, and a Mason. That is the only thing to be considered when the Chapter is acting upon the inquiry, and if a Masonic objection is voted, it casts a stain upon the candidate's character and places him 'not under the tongue of good Masonic report.'

"A Chapter objecting on jurisdiction only acts contrary to the Constitution and decisions of Grand Chapter."

And when an inquiry of this character is received, Section



112 and these resolutions of Grand Chapter should be read to the Chapter before taking a vote on the question.

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“Your Committee deem it but proper to say at this time that the Grand Chapter by its Constitution and decisions of its Grand High Priests, has time and again decided that no Chapter can claim sole jurisdiction of any candidate. That a candidate is at liberty to apply to any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and that the inquiry as to Masonic objection to a Chapter receiving the petition is one merely as to his being *under the tongue of good Masonic report*, and as to his character as a man, and a Mason. That is the only thing to be considered when the Chapter is acting upon the inquiry, and if a Masonic objection is voted, it casts a stain upon the candidate's character and places him ‘not under the tongue of good Masonic report.’ ”

A Chapter objecting on jurisdiction only acts contrary to the Constitution and decisions of Grand Chapter. (1888.)

18. In the case of two Chapters, where they had received and acted upon the petitions and conferred the Capitular degrees upon candidates who resided nearer another Chapter, without asking the nearest Chapter if there were any Masonic objections to the petition being acted on, I decided that the action of the Chapter was null and void, and directed them to proceed *de novo*. (1890.)

19. It is an axiom in Pennsylvania that where a candidate has been made without a strict compliance with the law, his making is illegal. (1890.)

20. Permission to waive jurisdiction in the case of an applicant who desired to present his petition to a Chapter in another Jurisdiction, but had been rejected by a Chapter in this Jurisdiction, was refused until the objection was first removed by the objecting Chapter. (1891.)

21. Permission was granted for Chapters in other jurisdic-



tions to receive and act upon the petitions of residents of Pennsylvania when properly qualified; but in case the applicant was a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and had not passed the chair according to our usage, permission was refused. (1891.)

## 22. LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Page 32, sec. 72. No Chapter shall confer the privileges of life membership for a less sum than *twenty-five dollars*, except as herein provided. Where a member has paid full annual dues for *twenty years*, he may be made a life member upon the payment of not less than *fifteen dollars*, should the By-laws so provide.

A Chapter, as an acknowledgment of meritorious service for at least one term as its M. E. High Priest, or, to a member having paid full dues for *twenty five years*, may grant the privilege of life membership without the payment of any fee, if provided for in the By-laws; but in either of such cases the motion therefor shall be made in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and, upon being seconded, shall be read and entered upon the minutes, and shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if such motion shall receive a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, it shall be adopted. The members shall be notified of the pendency of such motion. (1889.)

23. Chapters by their By-laws provide for the election of any of its members an Honorary member, but such election shall not exempt the member from the provisions of this section requiring the payment of a fee or a term of service to become a life member.

Honorary Membership may be conferred upon Royal Arch Masons, members of other Chapters, for meritorious services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry, but such an election shall not carry with it any of the privileges of active membership. The members shall be notified of the pendency of any motion relative to Honorary Membership, and in such case it shall require a two-thirds vote in the affirmative. The Chapter may recall such Honorary Membership at its pleasure. (1891.)

## 24. MARKS.

The Mark must be recorded in the Mark Lodge in which the brother has received the degree of Mark Master Mason, and within the time specified. (1884 )

25. That all Mark Master Masons be required to ADOPT and



RECORD their Marks with the Scretary of their Lodge or Chapter within FOUR months from the date of receiving the Mark Degree. (1886.)

26. The M. E. High Priests of the various Chapters, and Worshipful Masters of the Mark Lodges, will cause notice of the foregoing requirement to be sent to the members of their respective Chapters and Mark Lodges without delay. (1886.)

#### 27. MEETINGS.

A Chapter having decided by a vote not to dispense with the meetings in July and August, such meetings cannot be dispensed with at the will and pleasure of the High Priest. (1889.)

#### 28. MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND CHAPTER.

That when a Companion who holds his membership in Grand Chapter, in accordance with Section 3, paragraph 4, Constitution of Grand Chapter, voluntarily or otherwise, loses his membership in a Subordinate Chapter, and thereby loses his membership in Grand Chapter, and afterwards desires to regain his membership in Grand Chapter, he can only do so by affiliating with a Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction, and by application to the Grand Chapter, and by admission thereto by a majority vote, such vote to be taken "*viva voce.*" (1886.)

#### 29. MINUTES.

Communications from the Grand Chapter, M. E. Grand High Priest or the M. E. Grand Secretary must be spread in full upon the minutes. The Chapter or Lodge has no control over said communication, therefore a motion is not permissible. (1884.)

#### 30. NOTICES.

*First.* Section No. 108 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter relating to applicants for the degrees and membership, or membership only, should be strictly followed in the printed or written notices of the meetings of the Chapter.

*Second.* Notices of all meetings should be sent to the members and must contain the name, age, residence, and oecupation, number of Lodge, and names of recommenders of all petitions pending, whether for new petitions or second ballots on rejected applicants.

*Third.* The name, age, occupation, residence and Lodge of all petitions pending must be sent immediately after the



meeting at which they are received to the Grand Secretary, and his reply awaited. Unavoidable delays are occasioned by Secretaries not conforming to this requirement. (1892.)

### 31. OBJECTIONS.

The High Priest of a Chapter is not bound to secrecy (as to members of the Chapter of which he is a member) as to the name of the objector to an applicant for the degrees.

The objection must be made in open Chapter, and the name of the objector (not the objection) entered on the minutes.

The objection is not equivalent to a rejection, and may be withdrawn in accordance with Section 3, Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The Companions or Brethren, however, are pledged to secrecy (except to members of the Chapter or Mark Lodge of which they are members) as to the proceedings of a Chapter or Mark Lodge. (1884.)

32. "Can I file an objection in writing with the Secretary of my Chapter against a certain member of the Blue Lodge becoming a member of the Chapter?"

Answer: You cannot. You can file no objections against any one whose petition is not in the possession of the Chapter, no matter what grievance you may have. If you find any member of the Lodge who, by blackballing candidates, endeavors to break up the peace and harmony of the Lodge, you are at perfect liberty to prefer charges against him and try him thereon if you find the reasons for blackballing are un-Masonic.

If the Brother did in the Lodge what you charge him with in your letter, the Blue Lodge is the place to reach him, and not file objections against him in the Chapter, to which he has not applied as yet. (1890.)

33. Several cases have occurred where inquiries were made if objections could not be filed with the Secretary of the Chapter against brethren who had not yet applied for the Capitular degree, in order to forestall them in case they should make application. I decided that objections could not be so filed with any officer. Were it to be permitted we might find the Chapter books filled with objections mostly based on business transactions or other personal matters. A Master Mason who is under the tongue of good Masonic report has certain claims upon the fraternity, and if unworthy he should be proceeded against in his Blue Lodge. If he is worthy to be a Mason, he is worthy to be a Royal Arch Mason, unless he has rendered



himself obnoxious by his actions since he has been a Mason, but without sufficient grounds upon which to base charges. (1889.)

#### 34. PETITIONS.

The M. E. Grand Secretary has been directed by the M. E. Grand High Priest not to make any examination of the monthly returns of applicants to Chapters for the Degrees and membership or membership only, unless they are forwarded to his office in compliance with page 114, form XXXIV, of Constitution of Grand Chapter. (1884.)

35. Should a Chapter or Lodge act on an application for initiation and membership, or for membership, before receiving a reply from the Grand Secretary, in accordance with Section 115, Constitution, the name of such applicant will be stricken from the rolls. (1884.)

36. The recommenders of a petition for exaltation and membership must be Royal Arch Masons. Section 108 of the Constitution says that they shall be members of the Chapter, and when the question was raised that under this Section a Mark Master or Most Excellent Master Mason could be recommenders, I made a decision which I have no doubt was in accordance with the intention of the framers of the Constitution. It would not be in reason to permit a brother to recommend another to receive a degree to which he had not attained himself. (1887.)

37. Applicants to Chapters and Mark Lodges must sign their names in full to petitions. (1892.)

38. A petition cannot be withdrawn after a favorable report and ballot. (1874.)

39. The petition of a candidate for any of the Degrees of Capitular Masonry who has been once rejected cannot, upon any subsequent application, be withdrawn. (1886.)

#### 40. PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

In the case of a candidate for the Capitular Degrees, who was blind in one eye, but able to do the work of the Chapter, I decided that the Chapter was the best judge as to his eligibility. (1889.)

41. A candidate who has been rejected by unfavorable report on account of physical disqualifications, cannot petition another Chapter for the degrees. (1889.)

42. I decided that the loss of a left hand is a disqualification for the Capitular degrees. (1890.)



43. That a brother who has lost the thumb and all the fingers of his right hand cannot receive the Capitular degrees. (1887.)

44. REPRESENTATIVES.

Chapters must elect Representatives annually. (1884.)

45. REJECTIONS.

When requested to remove the casting of the blackball in a Chapter, I decided it was a matter over which I had no control. I cannot nor can the Grand Chapter interfere with the right of ballot. If the one who uses the blackball unjustly is discovered and known, then he can be held responsible for the same by trial. (1890.)

46. RESIGNATIONS.

Can a Chapter refuse to receive the resignation of a Companion who has paid all his dues, and against whom no charge is pending?

*Answer.* No. (1884.)

47. SUMMONS.

A summons is not intended to be used as a means of collecting debts. It is entirely within the province of the Chapter or Mark Lodge, and is too important an act to be issued except in extreme cases, and when so used should be rigidly enforced.

Further: too much of the inner workings of the Fraternity is already made public, and it is time to cry quit.

The notices of some of the Secretaries read as follows: "The Grand Chapter not requiring a summons, you will receive no further notice." This is entirely superfluous. If a Brother or Companion will not pay his dues, there are but two reasons why: either he cannot pay them, or he will not pay them. If he is so situated that he cannot pay, then his indebtedness should be remitted. If *he can*, but *will not* pay, after the proper notification, then he should be suspended at once. (1884.)

48. SUSPENSIONS.

In the case of the suspension and taking up of the warrant of a Lodge by order of the Grand Master, I decided that as the Master Masons were suspended, the members of the Chapter who were members of the suspended Lodge were suspended in their rights as Royal Arch Masons. (1890.)

## 49. TYLER.

The Tylers when acting as such of Chapters or Mark Lodges must be fully clothed in official clothing (collar, apron and jewel, and sword). This applies to every officer of a Chapter or Mark Lodge. (1884.)

## 50. VEILS.

The Chapter Hall being a representative of the Tabernacle the Veils must reach from wall to wall. It is not permitted to erect a Tabernacle within the Chapter walls. (1889.)

## 51. VISITORS.

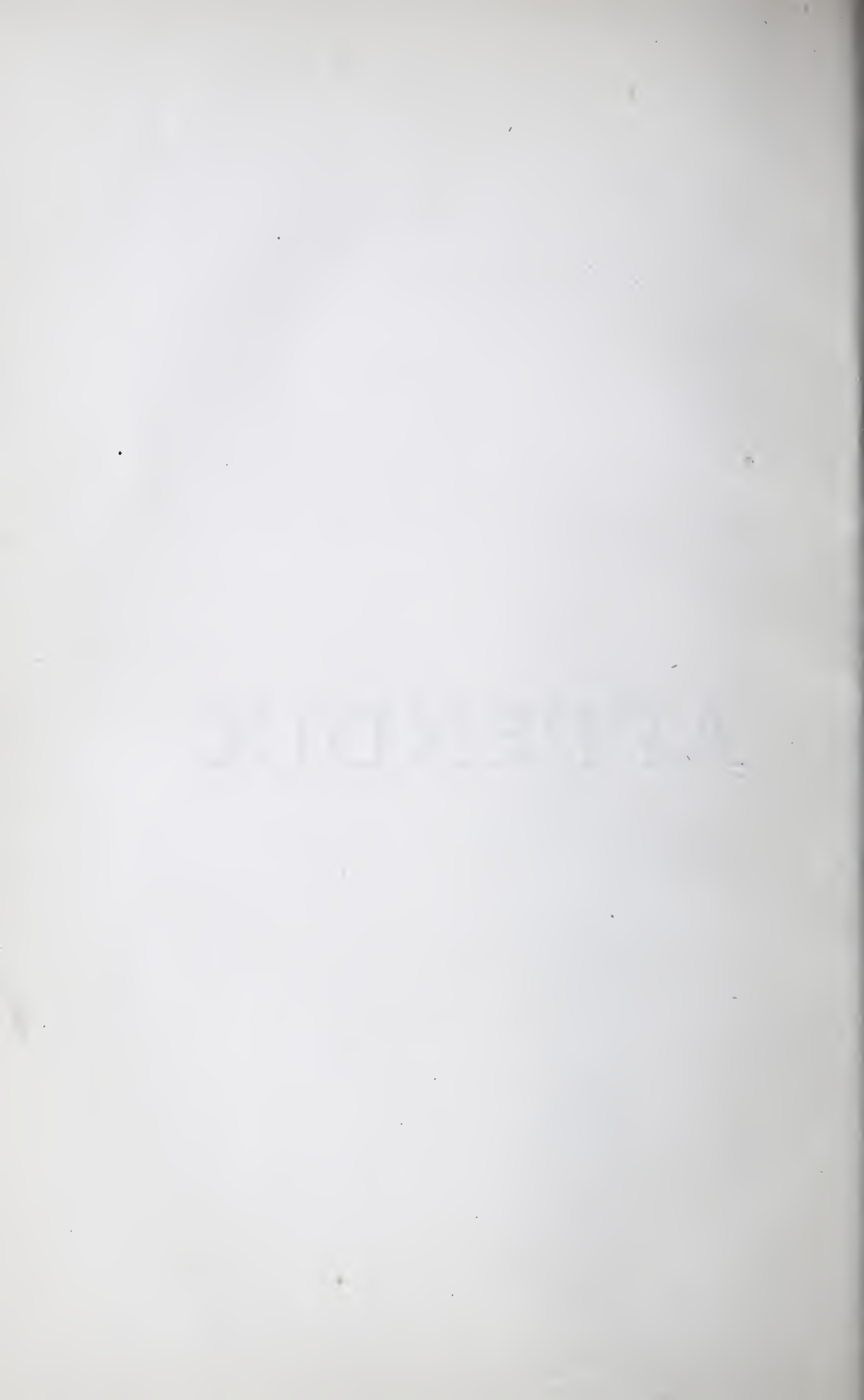
Visitors should send in their names written in full with number of Chapter of which they are a member and jurisdiction to which said Chapter belongs. (1892.)





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## FORMS AND CEREMONIES.

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### I.

#### PRAYERS.

##### PRAYER TO BE USED AT OPENING.

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God! Thou great Architect of heaven and earth! who art the giver of all good gifts and graces, and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them: in Thy name we assemble and meet together, most humbly beseeching Thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve Thee aright, that all our doings may tend to Thy glory and the salvation of our souls. Amen.

### II.

##### PRAYERS TO BE USED AT CLOSING.

May the blessing of Heaven rest on us and on all regular Royal Arch [Mark Master or Most Excellent Master] Masons; may we practice out of the Chapter [Lodge] those principles of religion and morality we are taught within it; may every moral and social virtue cement us in the bond of peace and fraternal love, and procure Thy gracious favor, O blessed Lord God! who livest and reignest in indescribable glory and happiness forever and ever. Amen.



## III.

*Or the following:*

Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty! just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of kings and Lord of lords! Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy. By Thy *wisdom* may we be directed, by Thy *strength* may we be enabled, and by the *beauty of virtue* may we be incited to perform the obligations herein enjoined upon us; and invariably to practice all those duties *out* of the Chapter [Lodge] which are inculcated in it.

*Response.* Amen! So mote it be!

## IV.

*The following Prayer may be used at the exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason, or omitted at the discretion of the High Priest:*

O Thou eternal and omnipotent JEHOVAH! the glorious and everlasting I AM! permit us, Thy frail and dependent creatures, to approach Thy divine majesty; and vouchsafe to commune with us from Thy mercy-seat. We humbly adore Thy unspeakable perfections, and Thy unbounded goodness and benevolence. We bless Thee that Thy hand hath been outstretched over us for our protection and defence. And O thou! who didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in each of our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of love to each other, and of charity to all mankind. And finally, O merciful Father! when the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, may we be admitted into the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven where

the Supreme High Priest. forever presides—forever reigns.

*Response:* Amen! So mote it be!

## V.

### CHARGES.

#### AT OPENING A MARK MASTERS' LODGE.

Wherefore, Brethren, lay aside all malice, and guile, and hypocrisy, and envy, and all evil speaking.

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious, to whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious; ye, also, as living stones, be ye built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God.

Wherefore, also, it is contained in the Scriptures: Behold, I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste to pass it over. Unto you, therefore, which believe, it is an honor; and even to them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

Brethren, this is the will of God, that with well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God.

## VI.

#### CHARGE TO A MARK MASTER MASON.

BROTHER:

I congratulate you on having been thought worthy of being advanced to this honorable degree of Masonry. Let me impress it upon your mind, that your assiduity



should ever be commensurate with your duty, which becomes more and more extensive as you advance in Masonry.

In the honorable character of a Mark Master Mason, it is more particularly your duty to endeavor to let your conduct in the Lodge, and among your brethren, be such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, that you may not, like the unfinished and imperfect work of the negligent and unfaithful of former times, be rejected and thrown aside, as unfit for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heaven.

While such is your conduct—should misfortunes assail you, should friends forsake you, should envy traduce your good name, and malice persecute you, yet may you have confidence, that among Mark Master Masons you will find friends who will administer relief to your distresses and comfort in your afflictions; ever bearing in mind, as a consolation under all the frowns of fortune, and as an encouragement to hope for better prospects, that the stone which the builders rejected—possessing merits to them unknown—became the chief stone of the corner.

## VII.

### CHARGE TO A MOST EXCELLENT MASTER MASON.

BROTHER:

Your admittance to this degree of Masonry is a proof of the good opinion the brethren of this Lodge entertain of your Masonic abilities. Let this consideration induce you to be careful of forfeiting, by misconduct and inattention to our rules, that esteem which has raised you to the rank you now possess.

It is one of your great duties as a Most Excellent Master, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason; and I need not remind you of the impossibility of complying with this obligation without possessing an accurate acquaintance with the lectures of each degree. If you are not already completely conversant in all the degrees heretofore conferred upon you, remember that an indulgence, prompted by the belief that you will apply yourself with double diligence to make yourself so, has induced the brethren to accept you. Let it, therefore, be your unremitting study to acquire such a degree of knowledge and information as shall enable you to discharge with propriety the various duties incumbent on you, and to preserve unsullied the title now conferred upon you of a Most Excellent Master.

### VIII.

#### CHARGE TO A ROYAL ARCH MASON.

COMPANION:

By the consent and assistance of the members of this Chapter, you are now exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

The rites and mysteries developed in this degree have been handed down through a chosen few, unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice; and we expect and trust they will be regarded by you with the same veneration, and transmitted with the same scrupulous purity to your successors. No one can reflect on the ceremonies of gaining admission into this place, without being forcibly struck with the important lessons which they teach.

Here we are necessarily led to contemplate with gratitude and admiration the sacred source whence all earthly



comforts flow; here we find additional inducements to continue steadfast and immovable in the discharge of our respective duties; and here we are bound, by the most solemn ties, to promote each other's welfare and correct each other's failings, by advice, admonition, and reproof.

As it is our most earnest desire, and a duty we owe to our Companions of this Fraternity, that the admission of every candidate into this Chapter should be attended by the approbation of the most scrutinizing eye, we hope always to possess the satisfaction of finding none among us but such as will promote, to the utmost of their power, the great end of our Institution.

By paying due attention to this determination, we expect you will never recommend any candidate to this Chapter whose abilities and knowledge of the preceding degrees you cannot fully vouch for, and whom you do not firmly and confidently believe will conform to the principles of our Fraternity, and fulfill the obligations of a Royal Arch Mason.

While such are our members, we may expect to be united in our object, without lukewarmness, inattention, or neglect; but zeal, fidelity and affection will be the distinguishing characteristics of our Society, and that satisfaction, harmony and peace may be enjoyed at our meetings, which no other society can afford.

## IX.

THE FORM TO BE USED IN CONSTITUTING A CHAPTER  
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS AND THE CEREMONIES  
OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Having complied with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, the Companions who have applied for a warrant for the new Chapter, with the officers selected by them, will, upon the day and hour appointed for constituting the new Chapter, assemble in the Chapter hall.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, with his Officers (or the Companion whom he may have duly authorized for the purpose, and who shall be styled, for the time being, Deputy Grand High Priest while so acting), will meet at a convenient place near the Chapter hall on the appointed day and hour.

The Companions of the new Chapter, when notified that the Grand Officers are in waiting, will send one of their number to the M. E. Grand High Priest with the following address:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

“The Companions assembled in the Chapter hall have instructed me to inform you that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, having granted them a warrant to open and hold a Chapter in the , they are desirous that the Chapter should be constituted, and the officers installed, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of Freemasonry, for which purpose they are now assembled, by order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and await his pleasure.”

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST will answer:

“COMPANION:

“Be pleased to inform the Companions now assembled, that the Grand High Priest and his officers will forthwith attend them to comply with their desires.”

The messenger returns to the Chapter hall, and reports the answer of the M. E. Grand High Priest.



The hall will be opened and untyled, all the Companions present quietly seated, the chairs of the officers remaining vacant ; the officers and Companions of the Chapter to be constituted seated in the north-east part of the hall.

*Instrumental Music.*

March—while the officers of the Grand Chapter enter the Chapter hall.

When the Grand Officers enter, the Companions will rise and remain standing until the Grand officers take their respective stations. A Grand Chapter will then be opened by the Grand officers in ancient and solemn form, after which the GRAND CHAPLAIN will offer the following

*Prayer.*

“Almighty and Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth! Who is there in Heaven but Thee! and who upon earth can stand in competition with Thee! Thine *Omniscient* Mind brings all things in review, past, present, and to come; Thine *Omnipotent* Arm directs the movements of the vast creation; Thine *Omnipresent* Eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart; Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment; and Thine unspeakable perfections and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men! Our Father who art in Heaven, we invoke Thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. Let this Chapter be established to Thine honor; let its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern, and fidelity to pursue its true interests; let its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind. Let this Chapter be consecrated to Thy glory, and its members ever exemplify their love to God by their beneficence to man.

“Glory be to God on high.”

*Response.* “As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! So mote it be!”

The Grand Marshal will then direct the officers of the new Chapter to form in front of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and the Companions form in their rear.

The M. E. GRAND KING will rise and address the M. E. Grand High Priest, as follows:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

“A number of Companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor, and propagating the principles of the Royal Art, having applied to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania for a warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and which warrant having been granted, they are now here assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form.”

The Most Excellent GRAND HIGH PRIEST will say:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND KING:

“Have these Companions complied with the requirements of the Grand Chapter, and are the officers chosen well skilled in the noble science and the Royal Art?”

The Most Excellent GRAND KING will reply:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

“The Companions have all the clothing and necessary paraphernalia, and the officers selected have proved their proficiency in the Royal Art.”



The Most Excellent GRAND HIGH PRIEST will then address the Companions :

“ COMPANIONS :

“ The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania having been pleased to grant a warrant to you, Companions of \_\_\_\_\_, for a new Chapter, conferring on you the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Chapter, I will now, with pleasure, proceed to comply with your request.”

And then addressing the Grand Secretary :

“ COMPANION MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY :

“ Be pleased to read the warrant granted by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, for the constitution of Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_.”

The GRAND SECRETARY will then read the warrant. When the warrant shall have been read—

*Music.*

Unto Thee, great God, belong  
Mystic rites and sacred song ;  
Lowly bending at Thy shrine,  
We hail Thy majesty divine.

Glorious Architect above,  
Source of light and Source of love,  
Here Thy light and love prevail,  
Hail ! Almighty Master, hail !

Prayer by the GRAND CHAPLAIN :

“ Great Architect the Universe ! Maker and Ruler of all worlds ! deign, from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this,

and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our Communications.

“Grant, O Lord, that those who are now about to be invested with the government of this Chapter may be endued with wisdom to instruct the Companions in all their duties.

“Make brotherly love, charity and truth always prevail amongst the members of this new Chapter, and may those bonds of union continue to strengthen the Chapters throughout the world.

“Finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thine approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss, ineffable and eternal.

“Glory be to God on high!”

*Response by the Companions.* “As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen! So mote it be! Amen!”

The Most Excellent GRAND HIGH PRIEST will then say

“COMPANIONS:

“By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my respected Companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain; conforming in all your doings to the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. And may the God of your fathers be with you, guide and direct you in all your doings.”



Prayer by the GRAND CHAPLAIN :

“Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty! just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of kings and Lord of lords! Who shall not fear Thee, O Thou eternal and omnipotent Jehovah! the glorious and everlasting I AM ! for Thou only art holy. By Thy *wisdom* may these Companions be directed, by Thy *strength* may they be enabled, and by the *beauty of virtue* may they be incited to perform the obligations herein enjoined upon them ; and invariably to practice all those duties *out* of the Chapter which are inculcated in it.”

*Response.* Amen! So mote it be!

*Music (either instrumental or vocal.)*

The officers and Companions will then resume their seats.

The officers of the new Chapter will present the jewel and clothing of their respective office to the M. E. High Priest, who will present them with his own to the Grand Marshal.

The Most Excellent Grand King will leave his station, take upon his right the High Priest of the new Chapter and present him in front of the station of the Grand High Priest, whom he will address as follows :

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

“I present you my worthy Companion , to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity towards his Chapter, and in strict conformity to the requirements of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, addressing the Companions of the new Chapter, will say :

“COMPANIONS :

“Do you remain satisfied with your choice ?”

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The Most Excellent GRAND HIGH PRIEST will then address the High Priest :

“COMPANION

“Previous to your installation and investiture, it is necessary that you should give your unequivocal assent to certain questions which will now be proposed to you relative to the duties of your office.

“1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of your Companions, who have attained this supreme degree ?

“2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened, unless there be present three regular Royal Arch Masons ? Nor the degree conferred unless there be present six Royal Arch Masons ?

“3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time ?

“4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree, who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, and who has not made considerable proficiency in the preceding degrees ?

“5. That you will promote the general good of Royal Arch Masonry, and on all proper occasions, be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the Grand Officers ?



“6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions?

“7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation?

“8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter, who has not been exalted in a Chapter lawfully constituted, without his first being healed?

“9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, they being in conformity to the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania?

“10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the Grand officers, particularly relating to the several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter?

“11. That you will support and observe the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act?

“12. You promise a regular attendance on the Committees and Communications of the Grand Chapter on receiving proper notice; and to pay attention to all the duties of Royal Arch Masonry on convenient occasions?

“Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?”

These questions being answered in the affirmative.

*Music.*

The Grand Chaplain will offer the following

*Prayer.*

“Most holy and glorious Lord God, Thou great High Priest of Heaven and Earth,

“We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new Chapter. Fill his heart with Thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavors; may he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before Thee, upon Thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear Thou from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions.

“Glory be to God on high.”

*Response by the Companions.* “As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! So mote it be!”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, addressing the High Priest, will say:

“COMPANION:

“In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence in, and promise of conformity to, the ancient charges and regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, you are now to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter, in full confidence of your care, skill and capacity to govern the same.”



All the Companions present who are not Past High Priests that have received the order of High Priesthood will then withdraw for a short space of time ; and during their absence the High Priest will be installed and the order of High Priesthood will be conferred upon him in ancient form, and he will then be invested with his robes of office, badges, &c.

The Companions who have retired will then return and take their seats. During their entrance, instrumental music will be performed.

After which the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will address the High Priest as follows :

“MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION :

“It is incumbent upon me, on this occasion, to point out some of the particulars appertaining to your office, duty and dignity.

“All lawfully constituted bodies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters ; as regular bodies of Masons of the preceding degrees are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in three months ; and must consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, and such other officers and as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage.

“The Officers of the Chapter officiate in the Lodges, holden for conferring the preparatory degrees, according to rank, as follows, viz. :

“The High Priest, as Master.

“The King, as Senior Warden.

“The Scribe, as Junior Warden.

“The Captain of the Host, as Senior Deacon.

“Principal Sojourner, as Junior Deacon.

“The Master of the First Vail, as Junior Overseer.

“The Master of the Second Vail, as Senior Overseer.

“The Master of the Third Vail, as Master Overseer.

“The Treasurer, Secretary, and other officers, as officers of corresponding rank.

“The High Priest of every Chapter has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, are duly observed; that all the officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and accurate records of all the proceedings of the Chapter are kept by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keeps and renders exact and just accounts of all the moneys and other property belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made annually to the Grand Chapter; and that the annual dues of the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting. It is his privilege and duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter; and the well-being of the institution requires that this duty should on no account be omitted.

“The office of High Priest is a station highly honorable to those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. By a frequent recurrence to the Constitution and general regulations, and a constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best enabled to fulfill those duties; and I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you, will add strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.



“Let the *Mitre*, with which you are invested, remind you of the dignity of the office which you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

“The *Breastplate*, with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members should always be near your heart.

“The various colors of the *Robes* you wear are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind, each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the charges to be delivered to your subordinate officers.

“You will now take charge of your officers and present them severally, in succession, to the Most Excellent Grand King, by whom they will be presented to me for installation.”

*Music.*

The High Priest will take the King selected by the members of the new Chapter, standing upon his right, and address the Most Excellent Grand King, as follows (the same form will be observed by him in presenting all the officers):

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND KING:

“I present to you Companion \_\_\_\_\_, who has been selected King of the Chapter just constituted.”

The Most Excellent Grand King will then say :

“ MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

“ I present you my worthy Companion , to be installed King of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity towards his Chapter, and in strict conformity to the requirements of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will say :

“ COMPANIONS :

“ Do you remain satisfied with your choice ?”

The Companions will bow in token of their assent.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will then address the King, saying :

“ COMPANION

“ Have you attended to the ancient charges and regulations recited to your superior officer, and do you fully and freely assent to the same ?”

An affirmative answer having been given, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will then direct the Most Excellent Grand King to install him, and invest him with his robes of office, &c.

After which the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will address the King, as follows :

#### CHARGE TO THE KING.

“ EXCELLENT COMPANION :

“ The important station to which you have been appointed in this Chapter requires from you exemplary conduct ; its duties demand your most assiduous attention ; you are to second and support the High Priest in all the requirements of his office ; and should circumstances at any time prevent his attendance, you are to succeed him in the performance of his duties.



“Your office teaches a striking lesson of humility. The institutions of our sublime degree, by placing the King in a station subordinate to the High Priest, teach us that our duty to God is paramount to all other duties, and should ever claim priority of our obedience to man. The *scarlet robe*, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter, and the *fervency* and *zeal* with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

“In presenting to you the *crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes; and that to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

“You are entitled to the second seat in the council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessor in the grand council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties and when the King of kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a *crown of glory* which shall never fade away.”

The King will then resume his seat, and the High Priest of the Chapter will present the Scribe to the Most Excellent Grand King, who will present him to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, saying:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

“I present you my worthy Companion , to be installed Scribe of this new Chapter. I find him to be

skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity towards his Chapter, and in strict conformity to the requirements of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter."

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will say :

COMPANIONS :

"Do you remain satisfied with your choice?"

The Companions will bow in token of their assent.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will then address the Scribe, saying :

"COMPANION :

"Have you attended to the ancient charges and regulations recited to your superior officer, and do you fully and freely assent to the same?"

An affirmative answer having been given, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will then direct the Most Excellent Grand Scribe to install him, and invest him with his robes of office, &c.

After which the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will address the Scribe as follows :

#### CHARGE TO THE SCRIBE.

"EXCELLENT COMPANION :

"The office of Scribe, to which you have been appointed, is very important. In the absence of your superior officers, you are bound to succeed them, and to perform their duties. The purposes of the institution ought never to suffer for want of intelligence in its proper officers ; you will therefore perceive the necessity of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you, in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve upon you by the absence of your superiors.



“The *purple robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and to this end you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing anything that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all degrees of Masonry; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord whenever they may appear.”

The Scribe will then resume his seat.

NOTE.—The installation of the Treasurer and Secretary may be omitted at the time of the constitution of the Chapter, at the discretion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The High Priest of the Chapter will present the Treasurer to the Most Excellent Grand King, who will present him to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, saying:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

“I present you Companion \_\_\_\_\_, whom the members of the new Chapter, now constituted, have chosen for their Treasurer.”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will say .

“COMPANIONS:

“Do you remain satisfied with your choice?”

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will then direct the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer to install him, and invest him with the proper clothing.

After his installation and investiture, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will address him as follows:

## CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

“COMPANION:

“You are now invested with the badge of your office as Treasurer of this new Chapter. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are *accuracy* and *fidelity*; accuracy in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same, whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect for the institution, your attachment to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.”

The Treasurer will then resume his seat, and the High Priest of the Chapter will present the Secretary to the Most Excellent Grand King, who will present him to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, saying:

“MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

“I present you Companion \_\_\_\_\_, whom the members of the new Chapter now constituted, have chosen for their Secretary.”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will say:

‘COMPANION:

“Do you remain satisfied with your choice?”

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will then direct the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to install him, and invest him with the proper clothing.

After his installation and investiture, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest will address him as follows:



## CHARGE TO THE SECRETARY.

“ COMPANION :

“ You are now invested with the badge of your office as Secretary of this Chapter. The qualities which should recommend a Secretary are, *promptitude* in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers ; *punctuality* in attending the meetings of the Chapter ; *correctness* in recording their proceedings ; *judgment* in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing ; *regularity* in making his annual returns to the Grand Chapter ; *integrity* in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands ; and *fidelity* in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has influenced the Companions to select you for this important office, and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Chapter and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Grand Chapter of saints and angels, and find your name recorded in the book of life eternal.”

The Secretary will then resume his seat.

If the time will admit, and the Most Excellent High Priest desires, he may deliver such charges as he may think proper to the Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the Vails, and other officers, who shall in such case be separately presented to him in the order of their rank.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then delivers the following

## ADDRESSES.

## ADDRESS TO THE HIGH PRIEST.

(Who, when addressed, will arise.)

“MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION:

“You have been duly installed Most Excellent High Priest of this Chapter. The station you are called to fill is important, not only as it respects the correct practice of our rites and ceremonies, and the internal economy of the Chapter over which you preside, but the public reputation of the Institution will be generally found to rise or fall according to the skill, fidelity and discretion with which its concerns are managed, and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

“You have accepted a trust to which is attached a weight of responsibility that will require all your effort to discharge honorably to yourself and satisfactorily to the Chapter. You are to see that your officers are capable and faithful in the exercise of their offices. Should they lack ability, you are expected to supply their defects; you are to watch carefully the progress of their performances, and to see that the long-established customs of the institution suffer no derangement in their hands. You are to have a careful eye over the general conduct of the Chapter; to see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions; that the members are properly instructed; that due solemnity be observed in the practice of our rites; that no improper levity be permitted at any time, but more especially at the introduction of strangers among the workmen.



“In fine, you are to be an example to your officers and members, which they need not hesitate to follow; thus securing to yourself the favor of Heaven and the applause of your brethren and companions.”

ADDRESS TO THE OFFICERS,  
(Who will arise.)

“COMPANIONS IN OFFICE:

“Precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties which you are required to teach others, you should never neglect to practice yourselves.

“Do you desire that the demeanor of your equals and inferiors towards you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them with examples in your own conduct towards your superiors. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are more wise or better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere, who stand in need of, and are entitled to receive it. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims to preferment are founded upon superior attainments; let no ambitious passion be suffered to induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who may be considered as better qualified for promotion than yourselves; but, rather let a laudable emulation induce you to strive to excel each other in improvement and discipline, ever remembering, that he who faithfully performs his duty, even in a subordinate or private station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect, as he who is invested with supreme authority.”

## ADDRESS TO THE NEW CHAPTER,

(Who will arise.)

“COMPANIONS:

“You have now been regularly constituted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Officers duly installed.

“May your Chapter become beautiful as the temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as the most holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct acceptable as the offering. May the exercises of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you be endowed with every good and perfect gift while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally admitted within the veil of Heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal.

“Amen.”

*Response.* “So mote it be.”

The officers and members of the new Chapter will then pass three times in review in front of the Grand Officers, with their arms crossed on their breasts, the ends of the fingers pointing to and near the shoulders, the right arm outermost, bowing as they pass.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest will then direct the Grand Marshal to make the proclamation, as follows:

“In the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto be-



longing, I hereby proclaim this new Chapter, by the name of                      Chapter, No.                      , to be regularly constituted, and its officers duly installed."

Proclamation having been made by the Grand Marshal, the Companions will sing the following

*Anthem.*

With one consent let all the earth  
To God their cheerful voices raise;  
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,  
And sing before Him songs of praise.

For He's the Lord supremely good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth, which always firmly stood,  
To endless ages shall endure.

The Grand Chapter will then close, with the following prayer by the Grand Chaplain:

*Prayer.*

Supreme Architect of the Universe, Almighty JEHOVAH, Thou great I AM, we render Thee thanksgiving and praise for the Masonic institution, as members of which we have at this time been assembled, and for Thy protection and aid afforded us in the important work we have just completed.

We thank Thee that the occasion of solemnly constituting and installing this new branch of the Masonic family has afforded us fresh inducements, and laid us under stronger obligations to the practice of virtue and morality, and to the observation of all Thy precepts and commandments.

May these obligations, O, Thou Infinite JEHOVAH, have their full influence and effect upon our minds.

Teach us, we pray Thee, true reverence for Thy great and mighty name; inspire us with firm and unshaken resolution in every virtuous pursuit.

May the solemnities of this day increase our love of Masonry, and have a beneficial tendency to the improvement of our conversation and conduct in the Chapter, and in our walk through life.

And as thou didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses, in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of brotherly kindness to each other, and of charity to all mankind.

And now to Thee, King immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be everlasting glory and honor forever and ever.

*Response.* Amen! So mote it be!

The Grand Officers will then retire, the Companions standing in silence until the Grand Officers have left the room.

Such instrumental or vocal music as may be deemed appropriate may be introduced during the progress of the ceremonies.

NOTE.—So much of the foregoing ceremonies as relates to the installation shall be used at the annual installation of officers of subordinate Chapters and Lodges, omitting, at the pleasure of the High Priest or Master, the charges and addresses, but in no case can the unequivocal assent to certain questions be omitted.



## X.

## CEREMONIES AT GRAND VISITATIONS.

Whenever the Most Excellent Grand High Priest intends to visit a Chapter officially, for the purpose of inspecting its condition, the Grand Secretary shall notify the High Priest of the Chapter of the intended visitation at least two weeks previous thereto, and direct that the minute book and such other books or papers as he may require be forwarded to him for examination.

The Chapter is opened in the Royal Arch Degree, and when the Grand High Priest is announced, the Companions shall arrange themselves in two lines, about six feet apart, facing each other, extending from the door of entrance toward the East.

The Grand Officers then enter in the following order:

Grand Marshal.

Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Masters of Ceremonies.

Grand Masters of the First and Second Vails.

Grand Master of the Third Vail and Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Grand Chaplains.

Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Principal Sojourner.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Past Grand Officers.

Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Grand King and Grand Scribe.

Grand High Priest.

They proceed toward the East. On the entrance of the Grand High Priest the procession halts, the Grand Officers open to the right and left, facing inward, and the Grand High Priest advances, followed by the Grand King and Grand Scribe, and the other Grand Officers follow in regular order. When they arrive at the East, they form across the room facing West, the elective Grand Officers opposite to and near their respective stations, the appointed Grand Officers on the floor, immediately in front.

The grand honors are then given; after which the High Priest of the Chapter surrenders to the Grand High Priest his station, together with the warrant of constitution of the Chapter, and the emblem of his authority. The Grand High Priest then directs the Grand Officers to take their respective stations and places, and the officers of the Chapter resign their stations and places to the corresponding Grand Officers. He then requests the Grand Secretary to make his report on the minutes of the Chapter. After which the Grand High Priest may make such observations as, in his judgment, the circumstances and situation of the Chapter may require; and he may also deliver an address.

The Grand High Priest then resigns the station to the High Priest of the Chapter, and the other Grand Officers vacate their respective stations and places.

Should the Grand Officers retire before the Chapter is closed, the same ceremony must be observed as at their entrance, with the exception of the grand honors.



## XI.

## PETITION FOR WARRANT OF A CHAPTER.

*To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,  
and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging :*

We, the undersigned regular Royal Arch Masons, formerly members of the Chapters mentioned against our names, and having received the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Mason, and at this time not being members of any Chapter, pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at \_\_\_\_\_, to be called \_\_\_\_\_, and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Fraternity, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter. And we have nominated and do recommend Companion \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first High Priest, Companion \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first King, and Companion \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first Scribe of the said Chapter. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18\_\_\_\_, A. I. 24\_\_\_\_\_.

There must be nine signers to this petition.

**Recommendation of the nearest Chapter, if within nine miles.**

At a meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 18\_\_\_\_, A. I. \_\_\_\_\_.

On motion made and seconded, it was

*Resolved*, That the above petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Grand Chapter.

[SEAL]

Attest,

. . . . . H. P.

. . . . . Sec'y.

## XII.

### PETITION FOR WARRANT OF A MARK MASTERS' LODGE.

*To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,  
and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

We, the undersigned, being regular Mark Master Masons, formerly members of the Mark Lodges, and present members of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, and at this time not being members of any Mark Lodge, pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Mark Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_, to be called \_\_\_\_\_, and there to discharge the duties of Mark Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Fraternity and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter. And we have nominated and do recommend Brother \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first Master, Brother \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first Junior Warden of the said Mark Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18  
A. I. 24 .



**Recommendation of the nearest Mark Lodge, or, if there be no Mark Lodge within fifteen miles, then of the nearest Chapter.**

At a meeting of                      Mark Lodge, [or Chapter,]  
No.                      , held at                      , on the                      day of                      ,  
A. D. 18                      , A. I. 24                      .

On motion made and seconded, it was

*Resolved*, That the above petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Grand Chapter.

[SEAL]

Attest

W. M. or [H. P.]

. . . . Sec'y.

### XIII.

A petition for a warrant of a Most Excellent Masters' Lodge shall be in similar form to that for a Mark Masters' Lodge.

### XIV.

#### WARRANT FOR A NEW CHAPTER.

M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

M. E. GRAND KING.

M. E. GRAND SCRIBE.

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, in solemn form assembled at Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to all whom it may concern,*

GREETING :

KNOW YE, That we, the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in us, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well-beloved Companions                      Most Excellent High Priest,                      King, and                      Scribe, of a Chapter, to be called                      Chapter, No.                      to be held at

, or within three miles of the same. And we do further authorize and empower the said to admit, make, receive, accept and exalt Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Master Masons, and Royal Arch Masons, according to the usages and customs of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and not contrariwise. And we do further empower and appoint the said, and their successors, to hear and determine all and singular the matters and things relating to Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Masonry within the jurisdiction of the said Chapter, with the assistance of the members thereof. And lastly we do hereby authorize and empower the said to install their successors, being first duly elected and chosen, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and to invest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices respectively belonging, and such successors shall in like manner from time to time install their successors, &c., &c. Such installation to be upon or near St. John the Evangelist's day, during the continuance of this Chapter forever.

*Provided always*, That the above named Companions and their successors pay due respect to this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts thereof, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or effect.

Given in open Grand Chapter, under the hands of our Grand Officers, and seal of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, this day of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] Attest, . . . . . Grand Treasurer.

. . . . . Grand Secretary.



## XV.

## WARRANT FOR A NEW MARK LODGE.

M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

M. E. GRAND KING.

M. E. GRAND SCRIBE.

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, in solemn form assembled at Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to all whom it may concern,*

## GREETING:

“KNOW YE, That we, the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in us, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brethren                      Master,                      Senior Warden, and                      Junior Warden, of a Mark Master Masons’ Lodge, No.                      , to be held at                      , or within three miles of the same. And we do further authorize and empower the said                      to admit and make Mark Master Masons according to the usages and customs of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and not contrariwise. And we do further empower and appoint the said                      and their successors to hear and determine all and singular the matters and things relating to Mark Masonry within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, with the assistance of the members thereof. And lastly, we do hereby authorize and empower the said                      to install their successors, being first duly elected and chosen, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and to invest them with all the powers and dignities

to their offices respectively belonging, and such successors shall in like manner from time to time install their successors, &c., &c. Such installation to be upon or near St. John the Evangelist's day, during the continuance of this Lodge forever.

*Provided always*, That the said above named brethren and their successors pay due respect to this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts thereof, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or effect.

Given in open Grand Chapter, under the hands of our Grand Officers, and seal of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, this      day of      , A. D. 18      , A. I. 24      .

[SEAL]      Attest,      . . . . . *Grand Treasurer.*

. . . . . *Grand Secretary.*

The warrant for a Most Excellent Masters' Lodge shall be similar in form to that for a new Mark Lodge.

## XVI.

### FORM OF DEPUTATION TO CONSTITUTE A CHAPTER, AND RETURN THERETO.

*We,      Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.*

*To our Excellent Companion      :*

#### GREETING:

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and constancy in the Craft, we do, by virtue of the powers and authority in us vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Royal Arch Masons in



NOTE.—The officer acting under this authority is styled Deputy Grand High Priest, and the other officers will be styled Deputy Grand King, Deputy Grand Scribe, &c.

XVII.

PETITION TO A CHAPTER FOR THE MARK, MOST EXCEL-  
LENT AND ROYAL ARCH DEGREES, AND FOR MEM-  
BERSHIP; OR FOR THE DEGREES ONLY.

*To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions  
of Chapter, No. :*

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth  
that he is a Geometric Master Mason, a member  
of Lodge, No. held at . That  
he has passed the Chair, that he has not heretofore been  
rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge of Mark  
Master Masons, or Most Excellent Master Masons, or  
Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and that he is desirous  
of being further advanced in the mysteries of Free-  
masonry by having the honorary degree of Mark Master  
Mason conferred on him, by being received and accepted  
a Most Excellent Master Mason, and by being exalted  
to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason, and or  
becoming a member of your honorable Chapter, if upon  
inquiry he shall be found worthy.

Witness my hand, this day of A. D. 18 , A. I. 24 .

Recommended by

. . . . . }

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Name, . . . . .

Age, . . . . .

Occupation, . . . . .

Residence, . . . . .

NOTE.—If the petition is for the Most Excellent and Royal Arch  
degrees, strike out all referring to the Mark Lodge, if for the Royal  
Arch alone, strike out all referring to Mark and Most Excellent degrees.



## XVIII.

FORM OF PETITION TO A CHAPTER FROM A COMPANION  
FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions  
of Chapter, No. .*

The undersigned, a Royal Arch Mason, late a [member  
sojourner]  
of Chapter, No. , held at , as may  
be seen by reference to the enclosed certificate, respect-  
fully prays that he may be admitted a member of your  
honorable Chapter, if upon inquiry he shall be found  
worthy.

Witness my hand, this day of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 24 .

Recommended by

. . . . . }  
. . . . . }

Name, . . . . .

Age, . . . . .

Occupation, . . . . .

Residence, . . . . .

Lodge, . . . . .

## XIX.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITION.

*To the*

The committee to whom was referred the [above  
within] peti-  
tion beg leave to report [in favor of  
against] the prayer thereof be-  
ing granted.

Witness our hands, this day of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 24 .

. . . . . }  
. . . . . } Committee.  
. . . . . }

## XX.

## CHAPTER CERTIFICATE FOR MEMBERS TRAVELLING.

Signature of NE VARIETUR. WHEREAS, Companion \_\_\_\_\_, a Royal Arch  
Mason, and member of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
held at \_\_\_\_\_, under a warrant from the Grand  
Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and  
Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, is about  
to leave the State for a limited time; we, the officers  
of said Chapter, grant to him this testimonial of his  
good standing with the Fraternity; to be and con-  
tinue in force until his return among us, unless  
sooner revoked.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, A. I. 24 \_\_\_\_\_.

[SEAL] \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *H. P.*

Attest, \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *K.*

\_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *Secretary.* \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *S.*

## XXI.

## CHAPTER DIMIT.

Signature of NE VARIETUR. WHEREAS, Companion \_\_\_\_\_, a Royal Arch  
Mason, and late a [member  
sojourner] of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
held \_\_\_\_\_, under a warrant from the Grand  
Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and  
Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, [\*has  
regularly withdrawn from the said Chapter, and  
has conformed to its By-Laws;] we, the officers  
thereof, grant to him this testimonial of his conduct  
as a worthy Companion during his continuance  
among us, and recommend him to the favorable  
consideration of the Masonic fraternity.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, A. I. 24 \_\_\_\_\_.

[SEAL] \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *H. P.*

Attest, \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *K.*

\_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *Secretary.* \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . ., *S.*

\*For Companion restored to good Masonic standing. leave out all in brackets, and insert "is in good Masonic standing as a Royal Arch Mason."



XXII.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A GRAND CHAPTER  
CERTIFICATE.

To \_\_\_\_\_, *M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand  
Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Ma-  
sonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

We do hereby certify that Companion \_\_\_\_\_ is a  
Royal Arch Mason, [<sup>now</sup><sub>late</sub>] a member in good standing of  
Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_. He was ex-  
alted in Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_.  
We therefore recommend him as worthy of obtaining a  
Grand Chapter Certificate.

Witness our hands and the seal of the said Chapter, this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, A. I. 24 \_\_\_\_\_.

[SEAL]	_____	_____, <i>H. P.</i>
	Attest,	_____, <i>K.</i>
	_____, <i>Secretary.</i>	_____, <i>S.</i>

XXIII.

FORM OF A GRAND CHAPTER CERTIFICATE FOR COM-  
PANIONS MADE BY DISPENSATION.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, to all ancient,  
regular, free and accepted Royal Arch Masons  
throughout the globe.

UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

NE VARIETUR. We do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, Com-  
panion \_\_\_\_\_, being otherwise fully qualified, but  
unable to abide the usual time among us, has had the  
honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason conferred  
upon him, has been received and accepted a Most Ex-  
cellent Master Mason, and exalted to the Supreme

degree of a Royal Arch Mason, by dispensation in Chapter, No. , under our jurisdiction; he is therefore recommended as such.

In testimony whereof, we have delivered to him this certificate, and, that the same may not be of use to anyone else, we have caused him to sign his name in the margin, *NE VARIETUR*.

Given at Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, the day of A. D., 18 , A. I., 24 .

. . . . ., *G. H. P.*

. . . . ., *G. K.*

. . . . ., *G. S.*

. . . . ., *Grand Secretary.*

## XXIV.

### COMMISSION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE.

To Companion , a Royal Arch Mason, a Past High Priest, and member of Chapter, No. , under the jurisdiction of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging. At a stated meeting of Chapter, No. , held at on the day of A. D. 18 , you were elected the Representative of this Chapter, in the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Chapter, this day of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] Attest, . . . . ., *H. P.*

. . . . ., *Secretary.*



XXV.

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR THE CAPITULAR DEGREES.

To \_\_\_\_\_, Esq. Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The petition of

Respectfully sheweth,

That your petitioner entertains a high opinion of Royal Arch Masonry, and is desirous of becoming a member thereof; but being about to leave the State, he is unable to wait the usual delays required by the By-Laws of a Chapter.

He declares that he is a member, in good standing, of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, Free and Accepted Masons; that he has passed the chair; that he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Master Masons, or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; that he is desirous of being further advanced in the mysteries of Freemasonry; and that you will be pleased to grant a dispensation authorizing him to have the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason conferred on him, to be received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason, and exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason, in Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, Royal Arch Masons.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18 _____.	
Signed, _____	Age, . . . . .
_____	Residence, . . . . .
_____	Occupation, . . . . .

We, the officers of Chapter, No. , Royal Arch Masons, beg leave to recommend the above petitioner to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as a Brother who, in our opinion, is worthy of being advanced in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

, . . . . . H. P.  
 . . . . . K.  
 . . . . . S.

Granted.

. . . . . G. H. P.  
 . . . . . Sec'y

XXVI.

FORM OF DISPENSATION FOR ADVANCEMENT IN FREEMASONRY.

*We, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

*To the Most Excellent High Priest of Chapter, No. , Royal Arch Masons,*

GREETING:

By virtue of the powers and authority in us vested, we do hereby authorize and empower you to confer in your Chapter, the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason upon

, it appearing that he is about to leave the State, and cannot await the usual delays required by your By-Laws. If the same meets the approbation of the Chapter, this shall be your sufficient warrant for so doing.

Given under our hand and seal at this day of in the year of our Lord 18 , and of Royal Arch Masonry, 24 .

[SEAL]

Attest,

. . . . ., G. H. P.  
 . . . . ., Grand Secretary.



## XXVII.

## GRAND CHAPTER CERTIFICATE.

*Holiness to the Lord.*

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch  
Chapter of Pennsylvania. To  
all ancient regular Royal Arch  
Masons throughout the globe.*

*Le Grand et Saint Chapitre de  
Royal Arche de Pennsylvanie.  
A tous les Royal Arche anciens  
sur la surface du globe.*

UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

UNION, SANTE, BONHEUR.

We do hereby certify that  
the bearer hereof, Com-  
panion

Nous certifions par ces pre-  
sentes que le porteur de celle-ci

. . . . .  
a member of the Royal Arch  
Chapter

. . . . .  
est compagnon et membre du  
Chapître de Royal Arche

under our jurisdiction, hath  
been exalted to the Supreme  
Degree of a ROYAL ARCH  
MASON, and hath performed  
all his works among us to  
the entire satisfaction of his  
Companions.

sous notre  
juridiction, où il a été élevé au  
Suprême degré de Royal Arche,  
et qu'il a travaillé parmi nous,  
nous, à l'entière satisfaction de  
tous les Compagnons; c'est  
pourquoi, nous le recomman-  
dons comme tel.

He is therefore recom-  
mended as such.

In testimony whereof, we  
have delivered to him this  
Certificate, and that the same  
may not be of use to any one  
else, we have caused him to  
sign his name in the margin,  
*Ne Varietur.*

En foi de quoi, nous lui avons  
délivre le present certificat, et  
afin qu'il ne puisse servir qu'à  
lui seul, nous lui avons fait  
signer son nom en marge, *Ne  
Varietur.*

Given at Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, this       day  
of       A. D. 18       ,  
A. I. 24       .

Donné à Philadelphie, en  
Pennsylvanie, le       jour du  
mois, A. D. 18       ,  
A. I. 24       .

. . . . ., *Grand High Priest.*  
. . . . ., *Grand King.*  
. . . . ., *Grand Scribe.*  
. . . . ., *Grand Treasurer.*

Attest,

. . . . ., *Grand Secretary.*

{ SEAL }  
{ G. C. }

NE VARIETUR.

## XXVIII.

## DISPENSATION TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION.

*We, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging: To the High Priest, [or Worshipful Master,] officers and members of Chapter, [or Mark Masters' Lodge,] No. , held at under the jurisdiction of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter:*

## GREETING:

In consequence of an emergency, and by special request of your Chapter [or Lodge] duly certified to us, we do hereby authorize and empower you, by virtue of the powers and authority in us vested, to hold an election for at your next regular stated meeting, and to fill any vacancy which may arise by reason thereof: *Provided, however*, That due and timely notice be given to the members of your Chapter [or Lodge] of such election.

And for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hand and seal, this day of , A. D. 18 ,  
A. I. 24 .

{ SEAL } Attest, . . . . ., G. H. P.  
{ G. H. P. } . . . . ., Grand Secretary.

## XXIX.

## SPECIAL ELECTION RETURN.

[To be sent to the Grand Secretary immediately after the election has been held.]

We, the officers of Chapter, [or Mark Lodge,] No. , held at , under the authority of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, do hereby



Witness our hands, and the seal of the said Chapter, [or Lodge], at  
the day of , A. D. 18 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL]                  Attest,

. . . . ., H. P.

. . . . ., K.

. . . . ., Secretary.

. . . . ., S.

## XXX.

COMMISSION TO A DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND  
HIGH PRIEST.

We, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy  
Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic  
jurisdiction thereunto belonging,

To our trusty and well-beloved Companion \_\_\_\_\_,  
a Past High Priest, and a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_, under the jurisdiction of our Grand Holy Royal  
Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction  
thereunto belonging.

WISDOM, STRENGTH, FRATERNITY.

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and skill in the Masonic art, we do, by virtue and in pursuance of the powers and authority in us vested, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you, our said beloved Companion \_\_\_\_\_, our District Deputy Grand High Priest, in and for the Masonic district of Pennsylvania comprising the Counties of

And we do hereby invest you with the rank and dignity of a District Deputy Grand High Priest of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging; and we do hereby authorize and empower you "as such," to visit respectively all the Chapters and Mark Masters' Lodges now constituted, or which may hereafter be constituted, within the said District, as often as may be convenient, or you may judge necessary, to inspect their labors, and examine and inquire into the state of the said Chapters and Lodges, and their proceedings, and to give them all due Masonic advice and instruction. Also, in our name, and on our behalf, to deliver to the said Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and brotherly addresses, recommending Harmony and Union, and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

And that you annually make Report to our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of your proceedings in the premises. This power and authority to be and continue in force during our continuance in office, unless sooner superseded or revoked, hereby revoking all former Commissions that may have issued from us, or any of our predecessors in office, to any person or persons, vesting in them the like power and authority within the said District.

Given under our hand and seal, at the city of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this      day of      , A. D. 18      ,  
A. I. 24      .

{ SEAL }      Attest,      . . . . . , *Grand High Priest.*  
{ G.H.P. }      . . . . . , *Grand Secretary.*



## XXXI.

## DEPUTATION TO VISIT CHAPTERS, AND MOST EXCELLENT AND MARK MASTERS' LODGES.

*We, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belongigng, to the High Priests, Officers and Companions of all the Chapters, and to the Masters, Officers Brethren of all Mark Masters' Lodges held in*

## GREETING :

By virtue of the powers and authority in us vested, we do hereby authorize, empower and request our faithful and beloved Companion a Past High Priest, and a member of Chapter, No , under the jurisdiction of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, in our name and behalf to visit all the said Chapters and Lodges, to examine and inquire into their state and proceedings, and to make report thereon.

Also, in our name and in our behalf to deliver to the said Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and brotherly adresses, recommending harmony and union amongst the Companions and Brethren, and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

And also, for the purpose aforesaid, to congregate the High Priests, Officers and Companions of the said Chapters, and Masters, Officers and Brethren of said Lodges, at such times and places, and within the limits of the respective Chapters and Lodges, as to him shall appear

fit. This authority to continue in force for the term of  
from the date of these presents, and no longer.

Given under our hand and seal, at the city of Philadelphia, this  
day of           , A. D. 18       , A. I. 24       .

{ SEAL }           Attest,           . . . . ., *Grand High Priest:*  
{ G.H.P. }       . . . . ., *Grand Secretary.*

## XXXII.

COMMISSION TO A COMPANION TO VISIT FOREIGN  
GRAND CHAPTERS AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

*To the Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters of Holy  
Royal Arch Masons in the two hemispheres, we  
Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch  
Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction  
thereunto belonging, send Greeting:*

*Health, Stability and Happiness:*

WHEREAS, It is the intention of our worthy and  
well-beloved Companion           a member of  
Chapter, No.       , under our jurisdiction, and of our  
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, to travel into  
[<sup>distant countries,</sup>  
<sup>other States,</sup>] we have therefore, in order to promote,  
as far as in us lies, a brotherly communication with  
the different Chapters and Mark Lodges in the  
[<sup>world,</sup>  
<sup>United States,</sup>] hereby requested and require our said  
Companion,           to visit the Grand and Subordi-  
nate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Grand and  
Subordinate Lodges of Mark Master Masons' in the  
different [<sup>countries</sup>  
<sup>States</sup>] through which he may travel, and









## XXXIV.

## FORM OF MONTHLY RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

[To be sent by subordinate secretaries immediately after the meeting at which the petitions were received.]

*To the Most Excellent Grand Secretary of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION:

At a stated meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_, the following named petitioned this Chapter for the Capitular degrees and membership.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Degree.	Lodge.

The following named petitioned for membership:

Name	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	De- gree.	Member of Lodge No. at	Formerly of Chapter No. at

NOTE.—No ballot can be had upon any such petition until the Grand Secretary has reported to the Chapter that there is nothing on the record against such petitioner.

The following named were rejected:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence	Lodge	Degree.	1st, 2d or 3d ballot.	Unfavor- able report

NOTE.—When rejected on ballot granted by the Grand Chapter, so state.

The following named were expelled:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	When admitted marked, &c.	For what cause expelled.

The following named were suspended:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	When admitted marked, &c.	For what cause suspended.

[L. S.]

Secretary of Chapter, No. .

NOTE.—All withdrawals of petitions should also be reported to the Grand Secretary, and if for disqualification on account of physical defects, it should be so stated.



## FORM OF MINUTES.

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The Grand Chapter has directed the Grand Secretary to prepare a form for recording the minutes of a Subordinate Chapter. The annexed form has been prepared in accordance with such directions and submitted to the M. E. Grand High Priest, and approved by him as the only form to be used in Subordinate Chapters, after June 24th, 1883, in recording what is proper to be committed to writing of the proceedings of a Chapter.

CHARLES E. MEYER,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## FORM FOR RECORDING MINUTES.

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<sup>1</sup>MASONIC TEMPLE, Broad & Filbert sts.

*Philadelphia, June 24. 1883, <sup>2</sup>A. I. 2413.*

A <sup>3</sup>stated meeting of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, was held this evening..

Present, Companion	M. E. High Priest.
“	King.
“	Scribe.
“	Treasurer.
“	Secretary.

and the other officers in their respective places.<sup>4</sup>

Past High Priests, Companions

Members present,<sup>5</sup> “

Visitors present,<sup>5</sup> “

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1. State place and time of meeting fully. 2. The Capitular year or Anno Inventionis, can be found by adding 530 to the present year  
 3. State if the meeting is a “Stated,” “Special” or “Extra.” A “stated” meeting is one held on a day fixed by the By-Laws. A “special” meeting is one called for a special purpose, such as the consideration of a change of place of meeting, or any business which can come before a special meeting. An “extra” meeting is one held to finish the working of the degrees on candidates partially advanced, and where time was not sufficient at the stated meeting. 4. The names of all the elective officers must be inserted, the appointed officers may be if deemed advisable. 5. The names of the members and visitors may be written in a book specially prepared and used for that purpose, and placed at the Tyler’s station, at the outer door, but they must, however, be inserted in the minutes.



A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ancient and solemn form at o'clock, P.M.<sup>6</sup>

The minutes of the last stated meeting (also of the extra and special meeting) were read and separately approved.

A communication was read from the M. E. Grand Secretary that there was <sup>7</sup> on the records against <sup>8</sup>.

The committee (or committees) appointed to make the necessary inquiries relative to Bro. , Bro. , Bro. , and Bro. , applicants for the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees and membership, reported (in each case) favorably, when he was (they were separately) balloted for and unanimously approved.

The committee on the application of Bro. , for Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees and membership reported unfavorably. The M. E. High Priest then declared the Brother rejected.<sup>9</sup>

The committee appointed on the application of Bro. for the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees and membership reported favorably. He was then balloted for and rejected.<sup>9</sup>

6. Three Royal Arch Members, of which number there must be one of the first three elective officers, can open and transact the business of the Chapter, but the degrees cannot be conferred unless six Companions are present. 7. State the nature of the communication, if "nothing" or "objection." 8. State the name of the applicant. Be particular that no action be taken on petitions for the degrees or membership, until the reply of the Grand Secretary is read in the open Chapter. 9. It is the duty of the Secretary to forthwith report to the Grand Secretary all cases of rejection, stating if on the first or other ballots, also when a petition is withdrawn.

The committee appointed on the application of Comp. \_\_\_\_\_ for membership reported favorably, whereupon he was balloted for and unanimously elected.

The committee appointed on the application of Comp. \_\_\_\_\_ for membership reported favorably. He was then balloted for and rejected.<sup>9 11</sup>

The committee on the application of Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, for Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees and membership having reported favorably, on motion of Comp. \_\_\_\_\_, the recommenders had permission to withdraw the petition, when it was withdrawn.<sup>9 10</sup>

The committee on the application of Comp. \_\_\_\_\_ for membership reported unfavorably. The M. E. High Priest then declared him rejected.<sup>9 11</sup>

Comp. \_\_\_\_\_ offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, that a second ballot be taken in the case of Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, who was rejected this evening (or at the stated meeting held \_\_\_\_\_) on his application for the Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees and membership.

The resolution was laid over in accordance with the Constitution.<sup>12</sup>

The resolution offered at the last stated meeting to take a second ballot in the case of \_\_\_\_\_ was then considered and adopted.<sup>13</sup>

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10. A majority vote of the members present is necessary to withdraw an application. 11. A rejection of a Royal Arch Mason for membership does not prevent his applying again to the same or any other Chapter, at any time. 12. For mode of procedure in such cases see section 110 of Constitution.

13. If the matter was postponed, insert here the time to which it was postponed. The ballot so allowed must be had at the first stated meet-



A second ballot was taken in the case of Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last stated meeting, and he was unanimously approved (or again rejected).<sup>14</sup>

A petition was read from Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, who was rejected in this Chapter on the \_\_\_\_\_ asking permission to present a third petition to the Chapter.<sup>15</sup>

The petition was laid over in accordance with the Constitution.

The petition of Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ to present a third petition for the degrees and membership, which was read at the last stated meeting, was then considered, when it was moved and seconded that the Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ have permission to present a third petition; a ballot was had, when the motion was adopted (or not agreed to).

A communication was read from \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, stating that that Chapter had no Masonic objection to this Chapter receiving and acting upon the petition of Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ who resides nearer said Chapter than this Chapter.

A dispensation was read from the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. \_\_\_\_\_, authorizing this Chapter to confer the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees on Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_, occupation \_\_\_\_\_, resi-

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ing after its adoption, should by any means the ballot not be held, the foregoing action will become null and void. The Constitution requires that one month must elapse between each stated meeting. 14. Due notice must be given to the members of the taking of the second ballot, and the result thereof certified to the Grand Secretary. 15. No third petition can be presented until twelve months after second rejection.

dence,            who could not wait the usual time required by the By-Laws, on account of absence from the State.<sup>16</sup>

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons closed, and a Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened.

Bro.            was introduced, and had the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason conferred upon him.<sup>17</sup>

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened.

Bro.            was introduced, and received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason.<sup>17</sup>

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed, and the Chapter opened.

Bro.            was introduced and exalted to the Supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.<sup>18</sup>

The following petitions were received and read.

For membership only.

Bro.            , aged        years, occupation        , residence        ,  
Lodge, No.        , late a member of  
Chapter, No.        , at        .

Recommended by Comps.

On motion referred to the following committee to make the necessary inquiries, viz., Comps.        .

16. The conferring of the degrees by dispensation does not constitute the candidate a member of the Chapter. To obtain membership in such case he must present a petition therefor, which will take the same course as other petitions. 17. There is no limit as to the number of candidates to be admitted at one time in the Mark or Most Excellent Master's degrees. 18. Where there are not three actual candidates for the Royal Arch, the name or names of those who are actual



For the Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees and membership.<sup>19</sup>

Bro. , aged , occupation , residence , Lodge, No. . Recommended by Comps. , referred to the following committee, Comps. , to make the necessary inquiries.

Also, from Brother , aged , occupation , residence , Lodge, No. . Recommended by Comps. , referred to the following committee, viz:—Comps.

The committee on the petition of having failed to present a report, on account of the absence from the city (or sickness) of Comp. , the M. E. High Priest, by virtue of the authority vested in him by the Constitution, section 108, appointed Comp. to fill such vacancy, and directed the committee to report at once, if they deemed it advisable.

The Grand Marshal, Comp. , was admitted and announced that the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. , accompanied by the Grand Officers, was prepared to make an official visit to the Chapter. The following Grand Officers, viz.:<sup>20</sup> were then admitted, and received with the Grand honors.

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candidates only, will be entered on the minutes. 19. In case the applicant petitions only for the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, or for the Royal Arch alone, the heading will be changed to suit. Chapters cannot receive a petition for the Mark or Most Excellent degrees alone, except the applicant be a Royal Arch Mason who has received that degree in a foreign Country. 20. Here give names and titles of Grand officers in full. Should the Grand officers not visit officially, the following entry should be made. "The M. E. Grand

The M. E. High Priest surrendered to the M. E. Grand High Priest the emblems of his authority and the warrant of the Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then directed the Grand officers to take their respective stations and places.

The M. E. Grand Secretary then read the following report on the minutes of the Chapter, which the M. E. Grand High Priest ordered to be spread in full upon the minutes, viz.<sup>21</sup>

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered an address of counsel and advice to the officers and members, after which he returned to the M. E. High Priest the emblem of his office and the warrant, when the officers of the Chapter resumed their stations and places, after which the Grand officers retired.

The following communication was read from the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and ordered spread upon the minutes,<sup>21</sup> viz.

A communication was read from the Grand Secretary notifying this Chapter of the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, when the Secretary was ordered to notify the Representative

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High Priest, Comp. ; the M. E. Grand King, Comp. ;  
 the M. E. Grand Scribe, ; the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp.  
 ; the M. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. , were pleased to honor the Chapter with their presence and were received with the customary honors."—The Chapter should be called up on the entrance of the Elective Grand officers, Past Grand High Priests, District Deputy Grand High Priests in their own districts, and the High Priests of Chapters ; should any of these retire before the Chapter closes, the Chapter will be called up as they retire. 21. All communications from the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest, must be copied in full



and the members of the Grand Chapter, who are members of this Chapter, of the same.

Comp. \_\_\_\_\_, who was elected to serve the Chapter as \_\_\_\_\_, for the present Masonic year, having<sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. On motion it was resolved that the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to issue his dispensation, to hold a special election to fill said vacancy.<sup>23</sup>

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid, viz.<sup>24</sup>

This being the time fixed by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter for the election of officers, the M. E. High Priest appointed Comps. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as tellers of the election, who reported that they agreed in their tally, and the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:<sup>25</sup>

Companion	, M. E. High Priest.
“	, King.
“	, Scribe.
“	, Treasurer.
“	, Secretary.
“	, Trustees.
“	, Representative to Grand Chapter.

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on the minutes. 22. State the reasons, such as “declined to be installed,” or “died,” or “has removed from the jurisdiction.” 23. In Chapters under the jurisdiction of District Deputy Grand High Priests, this petition should be sent to the M. E. Grand High Priest through that officer. 24. The items of all bills should be entered in full, with total amount of bill. 25. The election will be held the same as in the Grand Chapter. It is not obligatory, unless the By-Laws require it, to elect the Representative to Grand Chapter at each annual election, as such Representative serves until his successor has been

All but Past High Priests, who had received the order of High Priesthood, having retired, Comp. was duly installed M. E. High Priest, and had the order of High Priesthood conferred upon him.

The Companions who had retired were then re-admitted, when the following Companions were duly installed into their respective offices:

Companion	, King.
"	, Scribe.
"	, Treasurer.
"	, Secretary.

The M. E. High Priest appointed Comps. and , a committee to audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees.<sup>26</sup>

The M. E. High Priest made the following appointments for the present Masonic year:

Companion	, Captain of the Host.
"	, Principal Sojourner.
"	, Chaplain.
"	, R. A. Captain.
"	, Master of 3d Vail.
"	, Master of 2d Vail.
"	, Master of 1st Vail.
"	, Pursuivant.
"	, S. Master of Ceremonies.
"	, J. Master of Ceremonies.
"	, Tyler. <sup>27</sup>

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duly elected. 26. This committee must be appointed every year. The report of this and similar committees must be copied in full on the minutes. 27. The High Priest can, if the Chapter usage requires it,



Bro. , an applicant for the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees and membership, who had been balloted for and approved at the stated meeting held to receive the degrees, presented himself, when Comp. objected to his being advanced. The M. E. High Priest declared that all further action should cease, in accordance with the Constitution, section III.<sup>28</sup>

Comp. , who objected to the advancement of Bro. , at the stated meeting held , withdrew his objections. The M. E. High Priest then directed the Secretary to notify the members, in accordance with Section III, that he would confer the degree on Bro. at the next stated meeting.<sup>28</sup>

The list of delinquent members who had been duly notified of their indebtedness, and that action would be taken at this meeting of the Chapter, in accordance with the By-Laws, was now considered, when on motion duly made and seconded the following action was taken thereon:

Comp.	, owing \$	, was suspended.
"	, owing \$	, action postponed.
"	, owing \$	, dues remitted.

Comp. , who had been suspended this evening for non-payment of dues, having, since that action, paid the amount of his indebtedness, on motion duly made

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appoint an Organist, a Guide, and Stewards. 28. The name of the objector must not be mentioned to the candidate or outside of the Chapter. This objection can only be made in the first or lowest degree applied for in the Chapter; under no circumstances can the Companion be made to divulge his reasons. Should the candidate have received one of the degrees applied for, charges must be preferred to stop his

and seconded, the motion of suspension was reconsidered and then withdrawn.<sup>29</sup>

Comp. \_\_\_\_\_, late a member of this Chapter, who was suspended for non-payment of dues on \_\_\_\_\_, having paid the amount charged against him (was on motion duly made and seconded restored to good Masonic standing<sup>30</sup>). A motion was made that he be restored to membership, which was laid over, according to the Constitution.

The resolution offered at the last stated meeting to restore Comp. \_\_\_\_\_ to membership in this Chapter, was again read and there being the necessary number of votes, he was accordingly restored to membership,<sup>31</sup> (or, there not being the necessary number of votes, the motion was not adopted and he was not restored to membership).

An application for charity was read from \_\_\_\_\_, a<sup>32</sup> member of Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, when it was resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ dollars be granted for his relief.

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advancement. 29. A motion to reconsider a suspension for non-payment of dues can only be considered at the same stated meeting at which it was adopted. 30. Great care must be exercised not to confuse the two terms "restored to good Masonic standing" and "restored to membership," there is a great difference between them. Within one year after his suspension he may apply to be restored to membership, and it does not require a petition. A restoration to "good masonic standing" is *not* a restoration to membership. To regain his membership within the year he may apply for that purpose, but after one year he must petition for membership in the usual form. 31. A restoration to membership carries with it all the former rights and privileges of the member, his status is precisely the same as it was before the membership ceased. The Chapter may, by its By-laws, require one who is restored to membership to pay the dues for the time he has been suspended, if they so desire. 32. If not a member of a Chapter, but a



A petition was read from \_\_\_\_\_, the widow<sup>33</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_, late a member of Chapter, No \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, when it was on motion referred to the committee on charity, with power to grant \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, if found worthy.

The resignation of Comp. \_\_\_\_\_ from membership in this Chapter, was received and laid over, according to the By-Laws.<sup>34</sup>

The following amendment to the By-Laws was read and laid over until the next stated meeting.<sup>35</sup>

The amendment to the By-Laws offered at last stated meeting was then considered and adopted.<sup>36</sup>

A communication was read from Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held at \_\_\_\_\_, asking if there was any Masonic objection to its receiving and acting upon the petition of Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_, occupation \_\_\_\_\_, residence \_\_\_\_\_, for the Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees and membership.

On motion it was resolved that this Chapter has no Masonic objection to Chapter, No. \_\_\_\_\_ receiving and acting upon the petition of \_\_\_\_\_, and that the Secretary be directed to so notify Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>37</sup>.

Companions \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, offered the following resolution :

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Royal Arch Mason in good standing, insert the word "late." 3. Or daughter or mother. 34. Or "accepted forthwith," if not prohibited by the Chapter By-Laws. 35. Be sure to give the entire proposed amendment, with the names of the proposer and seconder. 36. All amendments, as soon as adopted, should be forwarded at once to the Grand Secretary, to be by him laid before the Grand Chapter and committee on By-Laws. As soon as approved by Grand Chapter it becomes a law. 37. Action will be taken on permission to receive

*Resolved*, That the place of meeting of this Chapter  
be removed to .

This resolution, according to the Constitution, was laid over to be acted upon at a special meeting, to be called by the M. E. High Priest.

The Secretary stated that Comp. \_\_\_\_\_ dimitted from his Lodge of Master Masons, No. \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ over six months ago, and had not affiliated with any Lodge since. The M. E. High Priest then directed the Secretary to strike off his name from the roll of members of this Chapter.<sup>38</sup>

The following dues, fees, etc., were collected.<sup>38</sup>

The Chapter was closed in peace, at      o'clock.<sup>39</sup>

. . . . . *Secretary.*

the petition by *viva voce* vote. 38. The Secretary will at once notify the Grand Secretary of the action of the Chapter. He will forward to the Companion his bill for amount of dues owing to the Chapter, and his refusal to pay renders him liable to discipline. 39. State the hour of closing.





# FORM OF BY-LAWS

Prepared by the Committee on By-Laws, in accordance with the directions of Grand Chapter. Chapters adopting a whole code of By-Laws shall use this form, omitting therefrom such part or parts as they do not require, and adding thereto such special provisions as in their judgment are necessary, not in contravention to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter,

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## ARTICLE I.

### TITLE.

The name, style and title of this Chapter shall be  
Royal Arch Chapter, No.

## ARTICLE II.

### MEETINGS.

The stated meetings of the Chapter shall be held on the \_\_\_\_\_, and shall be held at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, except that on the night of the annual election it shall be — o'clock. When any special meeting is called at the request of any candidate for advancement, the expenses of such meeting shall be paid by the party at whose instance it is called, unless the Chapter shall, by a vote otherwise direct.



## ARTICLE III.

## OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be annually elected by ballot three Trustees of the Permanent Fund to serve for one year. Neither the M. E. High Priest, Treasurer or Secretary, shall be a member of said board during their continuance in office. In case of a vacancy occurring in said board, the M. E. High Priest shall appoint, with the approval of the Chapter, a member to fill such vacancy, until the annual election.

SEC. 2. In addition to the officers required by the Constitution of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, there shall annually be appointed a Chaplain, a Pursuivant and two Stewards.

## ARTICLE IV.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Treasurer shall keep his books posted and open to the inspection of the members at every stated meeting; and have the same, together with his vouchers, ready for examination whenever required so to do by the committee on accounts, or by a vote of the Chapter. He shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall keep the accounts between the Chapter and its members, respectively; keep his books posted; receive all moneys paid to the Chapter; announce at each meeting the amount received thereat, with the name or names of those who may have paid and on what account, and pay the same to the

Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall issue notices to every member for every stated or extra meeting, and deliver the same to the Tyler, so that they can be delivered at least twenty-four hours before the time of meeting.

He shall furnish in writing to the first named on each committee, as soon as possible, a list of the names of the committee, and a short abstract of the business to which its attention is directed, with the papers relating thereto, which papers the Companion first named shall be answerable for and shall return with the report of the committee.

He shall have his books, accounts and vouchers ready for examination by the committee appointed for that purpose, whenever they may require it, or when directed by the Chapter.

He shall see that every member (on his admission) is furnished with a printed copy of the By-Laws.

He shall issue a summons over the seal of the Chapter, attested by his signature, to each member who shall owe over one year's dues, at the stated meeting next preceding St. John's day, in December, requiring such member to pay his dues at that meeting, or show cause, if any he have, why he should not be expelled for such non-payment; the summons shall be issued at least one week prior to said meeting and shall be served at least *forty-eight hours* before the time of meeting.

It shall also be his duty on the night of the annual election and before the commencement thereof, to read and present to the M. E. High Priest a certified list of all the members who are indebted to the Chapter for fees or dues.



He shall perform all the duties incident to his office, or which may be required by the Chapter, and shall receive for his services                      dollars per annum (or for each meeting) and shall be exempt from dues.

SEC. 3. The Trustees shall invest all moneys placed in their hands by the Chapter for that purpose. The investments shall be in the name of the "Trustees of

Royal Arch Chapter, No.              , and their successors," but in no case shall any investment be made other than in the public loans of the United States, the State of Pennsylvania, or of a municipality of the State, or the Masonic loans of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or in ground rents, or bond and mortgage being a first lien on real estate.

They shall make no change in or disposition of the investments, without the consent of the Chapter. They shall collect all dividends and interest arising from the investments, and pay the same to the Secretary at or before the next stated meeting of the Chapter.

The bonds, certificates, and other evidences of the investments of the Chapter, shall remain in their official keeping, but shall be produced and exhibited to the committee on accounts at least once in each year, or whenever required so to do by the Chapter.

SEC. 4. The Tyler shall attend and make the necessary arrangements for each meeting of the Chapter. He shall keep the paraphernalia and furniture in good condition; deliver the notices for all meetings of the Chapter, its officers or committees; serve whatever summons may be issued, and make return thereof to the

Secretary, and perform such other services as the Chapter may require, and as a compensation he shall receive dollars per annum.

SEC. 5. The Stewards shall receive directions from the Chapter and provide accordingly.

## ARTICLE V.

### CHARITY COMMITTEE AND CHARITY.

SEC. 1. The M. E. High Priest shall annually appoint a committee of three members who shall be styled the Charity Committee.

SEC. 2. All applications for pecuniary relief shall be referred to the Charity Committee; they shall inquire into the circumstances, etc. of the applicant, and shall recommend such relief as the case may require.

SEC. 3. All applications, excepting from a member, or the widow, orphan or mother of a deceased member, must be in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by at least three Royal Arch Masons.

## ARTICLE VI.

### APPLICATIONS.

SEC. 1. If the petition of an applicant for the degrees or for membership be withdrawn, or the applicant is rejected, the money paid in with the petition shall be returned; but if approved, or elected, and he does not come forward within six months thereafter, it shall be forfeited to the Chapter.

SEC. 2. An applicant for the degrees or membership who has been rejected shall be immediately notified thereof in writing by the Secretary.



## ARTICLE VII.

## FEES

SEC. 1. The fees for conferring the degrees and membership, by dispensation, or for membership only, shall be as follows :

For conferring the Mark Master's degree,	\$	.
“ M. E. “ “	\$	.
“ Royal Arch “	\$	.

For the admission of a Companion Royal Arch Mason to membership,	\$	.
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SEC. 2. Every Companion exalted in this Chapter by dispensation who shall apply for membership within six months from the period of his exaltation, or any Companion who may withdraw and shall apply within six months from the date of his withdrawal, or any Companion who may be re-instated according to the provisions of the Constitution of the M. E. Grand Chapter, shall be exempt from the payment of the admission fee.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## DUES AND PENALTY.

SEC. 1. Every member not exempt by a vote of the Chapter, or by these By-Laws, shall pay at the rate of dollars per annum as dues, and which shall be due and payable on the night of the annual election.

SEC. 2. No member who shall be indebted to the Chapter at the time of holding the annual election, shall be eligible to any office, or permitted to vote until such indebtedness has been paid or remitted by a vote of the Chapter.

## ARTICLE IX.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Any Companion desiring to become a life-member of this Chapter shall, upon the payment of dollars at any one time to the Secretary, together with the payment of all charges standing against him upon the books of the Chapter, be admitted to the privileges of a life-member, without the payment of any further dues.

SEC. 2. Should any Companion who had paid the fee required for life membership by the laws of the Chapter, cease to be a member from any cause he shall, upon his regaining membership, be restored to the privileges of life membership.

SEC. 3. All amounts paid for life membership fees shall be kept separate and apart from the general fund and shall from time to time be invested as provided for in article IV.

## ARTICLE X.

## RESIGNATIONS.

Any member desirous of withdrawing shall give notice of the same in writing at a stated meeting. His resignation shall be placed upon the minutes, and acted upon at the next stated meeting, and if possible determined: *Provided, however,* That in case of an emergency, of which the Chapter shall be the judge, his resignation may be accepted forthwith.



## ARTICLE XI.

## CERTIFICATE.

Any member in good standing about to travel, shall be entitled to such certificate as his qualifications require, on the payment of       dollar       , but no certificate shall be granted to any member until he has paid all the indebtedness to the Chapter, or has had the same remitted.

## ARTICLE XII.

## AMENDMENTS.

Any addition, alteration or amendment to these By-Laws must be presented in writing at a stated meeting; if seconded, it shall be read by the Secretary and entered on the minutes and lie over without debate until the next stated meeting; in the notices for which it shall be set forth that "an addition (or alteration, or amendment, as the case may be) to the By-Laws, will be considered and acted upon, as follows," and if it shall then be approved by a majority of the members present, it shall be adopted.

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